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COMPANY;

TOGETHER WITH

THE ORDINANCES OR BYE LAWS,

SANCTIONED BY THE JUDGES, IN THE YEAR 1639.

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PREFACE.

The Committee of Record and Trusts have now completed the task they have prescribed to themselves, of selecting from the Court Books, all such Rules and Orders, from the date of the earliest proceedings of the Court, down to the present time, as have a bearing on the proper administration of the Company's affairs. The whole of these, in compliance with a special order made for that purpose, though not hitherto executed, they have caused to be transcribed in a Book, which will hereafter be placed upon the table of the Court during its sittings. This Book being arranged under different heads, with an Index for easy reference, will have its contents as accessible as the case will admit. As it embraces however, a variety of objects, which have now fallen into disuse, or are rarely called into the

notice of the Court, they have prepared, and now offer in a convenient form to the Members, a Selection of such Rules and Orders as are likely to be most frequently required in the transaction of the ordinary business; and may therefore supercede the necessity on ordinary occasions, of referring to the Manuscript Volume, in which the whole of them are contained.

As the object in this Selection is to facilitate the obtaining of information regarding the character of those Rules and Orders which are more frequently called into use, the exact language of the originals has not been rigidly adhered to; the meaning has been scrupulously observed: but if a question should at any time arise on the exact terms of any regulation contained in this Selection, it will be right to consult the Rule, Regulation or Order itself, in the Volume which contains the whole, as extracted from the Company's Records.

In an Appendix to this Book, the Bye Laws of the Company are given entire, with the view of placing under the observation of the Members of the Court, in a shape easily accessible, those Laws which, having had the sanction at the early period of our history of the year 1639, of the Judges of

the Courts of Law and Equity then subsisting, must be presumed to contain the principles of those Rules and Regulations afterwards made by the Court.

The Register of the Trusts and Charities, the Kalendar of the Periodical Business, and these Books of the Rules and Orders, will complete that routine of information which it has been the duty of your Committee to lay before the Court; and their best reward for the labour it has cost them, will be—first, your approbation, and next, the preservation of them in constant use by you and your successors.

J. T. RUTT, Chairman.
J. WOOD.
HUNTLEY BACON.
THOS. M. ALSAGER.

Clothworkers' Hall,
1st March, 1840.

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SELECTIONS,

&c. &c.

ACCOUNTS.

The Accounts to be kept by double entry. **Double Entry.**

A separate audit to be made within a month of the General Audit of West's, Hobby's, Heron's, Dixon's, Lady Ann Packington's, the Irish Estate, and the Portion of that Estate which belongs to the Merchant Tailor's Company. **Separate Audit of some Trust Accounts.**

An Audit to be taken by the two Junior Wardens, under the directions of the Audit Committee, of the Stock and Consumption of Wine. Also, of the Stock of Plate, Linen, Glass, and other Property belonging to the Company. **Wardens under Audit Committee, to take an Account of Wine, &c.**

An Account to be kept with Messrs. Hankey, Bankers, in the name of the Clothworkers' Company; and that all sums received in England be paid to such Account. The Master, one Warden, and the Clerk, or two Wardens and the Clerk, **English Cash Account, to be kept with Hankey.** **How Checks are to be signed.**

empowered to sign all Checks on such Bankers, on account of the Company, to be given to the Accountant to defray all Pensions, Accounts, Bills, &c. and for which he shall render accounts monthly.

Payments to be recorded.

The Accountant to record all Payments in a Cash-Book.

Irish Cash Account to be kept at Bank of England.

That a separate Account be kept at the Bank of England, for matters connected with the Irish Estate; and that the Payments made in England be reimbursed from such Account.

Stock to be in Company's Name.

Clerk to receive Dividends.

The Property in the Public Funds to stand in the Company's Name, and the Clerk empowered by a Power of Attorney under the Corporate Seal, to receive the Dividends.

Expences on Absolute Trusts

Charge for expence of Management, to be made on the absolute Trusts.

Balance of Trusts exceeding £100, to be invested.

Balance of any Trust exceeding £100, the same to be invested in Stock, for the benefit of the Trust.

ALMS-HOUSES.

To be visited at least four times in each year by the Master and Wardens, acting as Visitors.

To be visited.

Alms-men's Wives clothed triennially, out of Evans' Clothing; such Charity being the only one set apart for the Wives of Freemen, the rest being for the Widows of Freemen or for Free-women.

Alms-men's Wives to be clothed triennially.

Alms-men to be at least 56 years of age, and Alms-women 50.

Age of Candidates.

On a Vacancy occurring, it is to be filled up at the Court after the same is declared.

When a Vacancy is to be filled up.

Widows of Alms-men to have a Pension of £10 per Annum, and the first £4 Pension which may become vacant; but in the event of their marrying again, the Pensions cease.

Almsmen's Widows to have £14 a year. To cease on their again marrying.

MASTER, WARDENS, AND ASSISTANTS.

How the Master is to be chosen.

The Master to be chosen out of the Members of the Court, (who have not before been Master, but have been Wardens, or fined for passing the office of Wardens, and from other Members of the Court who are or have been Aldermen or Sheriffs of the City, or have fined for the same; but if there be several Aldermen or Persons who have fined to be excused serving the office of Alderman, or who are Sheriffs, or have fined to be excused serving said office, and belong to this Company—the Court, in order not to prevent the Antient Assistants from being elected, to take an Alderman or Sheriff one year, and an Assistant, if he be qualified, another, and so change yearly.

Upper Wardens

That the two Upper Wardens shall be elected from amongst such as have been Wardens.

Under Wardens

The two Junior Wardens from out of the Antientest of the Livery.

Liverymen chosen Aldermen, &c. to pay £40 fine, for admission as Assistant, &c.

Any Liveryman chosen to be an Alderman or Sheriff of this City, or fine for such, and shall be admitted as an Assistant of this Court, first to pay

APPRENTICES.

The Fees on Binding, are—

Binding Fees.

			s.	d.		
Orphan Duty			2	6		
Company			5	0		
Clerk	4s	2d				
Do. Attending Stamping	3	4—	7	6		
Upper Beadle			1	0		
Under Beadle			0	6—	16	6
Stamp Duty according to Premium						

On Turning over an Apprentice, the Fees are—

Turn-over Fees.

			£	s.	d.			
Stamp Duty			1	0	0			
Company			0	5	0			
Clerk	4s	2d						
Do. Attending Stamping	3	4—	0	7	6			
Upper Beadle			0	1	0			
Under Beadle			0	0	6			
						1	14	0

If no Stamp, the Clerk is not allowed the 3s. 4d. for attending Stamping.

Question to be put on admitting Apprentices to the Freedom.

That upon Apprentices appearing to take up their Freedom, the Clerk shall inquire of the Master of the Apprentice,—" Upon the Oath " which you took when you were admitted a Free- " man of this Company, do you declare that your " Apprentice has faithfully served you for the full " Term of Seven Years?"

Apprentices to have Copy of " The Whole Duty of Man."

The Master and Wardens to present every Person bound Apprentice by them, with a Copy of " The Whole Duty of Man."

BUSINESS.

Minutes of Business to be considered at each Court, to be entered in a Book for the Master's use in Court.

Minutes to be entered in a Book.

All Deeds to be sealed in Court.

Deeds to be sealed.

An Index to be kept of all Court and Committee Books.

Indexes to Books.

A List of the Court and Livery to be annually printed in August, after the Election of the new Officers.

List of Court, &c. to be printed in August.

No Books to be taken into the Court-room, until the Master is in the Chair.

Books not to be taken into Court-room.

A Calendar of the Company's Meetings to be printed; and that the Rules and Regulations be transcribed, and laid on the table on every Court Day.

Print Calendar of Meetings.

Transcribe Rules, &c.

The Master and Wardens may in their discretion, put off holding a Court, on its appearing there would be no business done.

Courts may be postponed.

Contract to be made for Work above £20.

No Work to be done for the Company above £20, without a Contract, subject to the approbation of the Court.

Chest, &c. for keeping Deeds, &c.

The Company at all times to have a substantial Chest, Counting-house, or other place, with three keys, for the keeping of all such Plate, Money, Jewels, Charters, Evidences, or Writings belonging to the Company.

Company's Affairs to be managed by Committees.

Management of the Company's Affairs to be by Committees, (vide Committees.)

Summonses to be printed.

The Summons for Meetings at the Hall to be printed.

Master to sign Court Entries.

The Master in Court, after the reading of the Minutes of the preceding Court, and on the confirmation thereof, do sign the same.

The manner in which the business is to be taken at Court.

The business of the Court to be taken in the following order, viz.—

1st. Proceedings of former Courts to be read and signed.

2nd. In case of the death of any Member of the Court since last Meeting, Master to report same.

3rd. Company's Common Seal to be affixed to Leases.

4th. Donations to poor Freemen and Widows, and sums given towards Funerals.

5th. Appointment of Pensioners.

6th. Applications for Relief from Liverymen and Widows.

7th. Reports from Master and Wardens, (if any.)

8th. Proceedings of Committees read.

9th. Any Motions of which Notices have been given, considered.

10th. Election of Liverymen.

11th. Appointment to Exhibitions.

12th. Appointment of the Poor to receive Clothing.

13th. Applications from Tenants, and matters relating to the Company's Property.

14th. Applications for Subscriptions, &c. and any general Business, in the order in which it is entered in the Minute Book.

CLOTHING.

To be distributed among the Poor in the manner mentioned in the Donors' Wills, &c., and as by the orders of the Court. Distribution of.

Persons receiving an Annuity from the Company above £10 per annum are not eligible to receive the Clothing, or any Gift or Donation from the Company, without a special order of the Court. Annuitants not to receive.

COMMITTEES.

The Management of the Company's Affairs to be transacted by Committees, the Members thereof to be elected Annually on the Election Day in August; and Elections to be confirmed on Confirmation Day.

Affairs to be managed by Committee.

The following to be the Titles of the Standing Committees.

Title of Standing Committees.

The Master and Wardens.

The Estate Committee.

The Record and Trusts Committee.

The Audit Committee.

For the purpose of such Elections, each Member to be provided with a sufficient number of printed Lists of the Court; that the additional Members proposed to be put upon the general Ballot for Committees, and not already Members of any Committees, be first elected; beginning with the

Election of Committees.

"Estate Committee," then the "Record and Trusts," and next the "Audit Committee."—That Three new Members be thus put in nomination for the Estate Committee, and One each for the Record and Trusts, and Audit Committees; and that the Election for each Committee be made separately. That each Member, beginning with the Estate Committee, do mark with a + in one of the printed Lists, before the Names of Three Members whom he intends shall be put in nomination for such Committee, and deliver the same (folded up) to the Master and Wardens, who will take down the number of Votes, and report the result; and the Three Members having the Majority of Votes, are to be nominated for this Committee. Any List on which more than three Names are so marked, to be excluded from the Vote.

The like course to be followed separately, with the "Record and Trusts" and "Audit Committees," except that only One Name be so marked.

The Court then to proceed to elect the actual Members of the Committees for the Year ensuing, in the manner following:—

Election of Estate Committee.

The existing Members of the "Estate Committee," Nine in Number, together with the Three

Members nominated for this Committee, making in all Twelve Members, to go to the Ballot in the same manner, by means of the printed Lists, each Member marking those Nine Names out of the above Twelve, whom he intends shall form the Committee for the Year ensuing: no Lists having more than Nine marked Names to be admitted to Vote; and those Nine Members having the greatest number of Votes, to be declared the Committee for the Year ensuing.

Election of Record and Trusts Committee.

The existing Members of the "Record and Trusts Committee," Four in Number, together with the Member nominated for this Committee, making in all Five Members, will go to the Ballot in the same manner, each Member marking those Four Names, &c. out of the Five, whom he intends shall form the Committee for the Year ensuing: no List having more than Four marked Names, to be admitted to Vote, and those Four Members having the greatest number of Votes, to be declared the Committee for the Year ensuing.

Election of Audit Committee.

The existing Members of the "Audit Committee," Three in Number, with the Member nominated for this Committee, making in all Four Members, to go to the Ballot in the same manner, each Member marking those Three Names out of the above Four, whom he intends shall form the Committee for the Year ensuing:

no List having more than Three marked Names, to be admitted to Vote; and those Three Members having the greatest number of Votes, to be declared the Committee for the Year ensuing.

Committees to elect Chairman.

Every Committee, at its first Meeting, to elect, by Ballot, a Chairman for the Year, and until the next Election.

Committee Book to be kept.

A Book for entering the Proceedings of the Business of Committees, to be kept, from which the Proceedings of all Committees shall be read to the Court at every Sitting.

Proceedings to be signed by Chairman.

The Proceedings of each Committee to be signed by the Chairman of such Committee.

Chairman to read proceedings to Court.

The Chairman of any Committee to report and read to the next Court, succeeding any Meeting of such Committee, the Proceedings which may occur at such Meetings; and that at the next Meeting of such Committee, the Chairman to report his having so done, together with the several Orders which the Court may direct, touching the Proceedings of such Committee.

The Duties of the Standing Committees, are—

MASTER AND WARDENS.

To make Free and Bind at every Court Day. Duties of

The Master with One Warden, or Two Wardens without the Master, to attend twice Half-yearly, to receive Rents and Insurance due at Midsummer and Christmas, Notice having been given ten days previously, to the Tenants to attend.

To distribute in August, yearly, the Money in the Poor's Box, and on St. Thomas's Eve, sundry Gifts.

AUDIT COMMITTEE.

Duties of.

To order all Entertainments, Coals, Wine, Stationery, small Repairs, Furniture, and other Necessaries required for the Company or the Hall.

To order Clothing.

To audit and order Payment of all Bills or Accounts.

To examine the Cash Account, and report thereon monthly; to invest Money in Exchequer Bills, in case of the Balance of Cash being more than necessary, to sell the same when required.

To audit the Cash Book, Vouchers, Rental, Journal, and Ledger.

To Report yearly on the state of the Year's Accounts, such Report to be drawn up by the Committee, and the Chairman of the Estate and Record and Trust Committees.

To examine sundry Trusts of which separate Accounts are kept.

To report the Annual Consumption of Wine.

In all Audits, so far as concerns the Division of the several Trusts and Estates, and the Items of which the various Accounts are composed, by this Committee, they are to be assisted by the Chairman of the Estate and Record and Trusts Committees, who shall sign and be responsible for them, and regularly report the results, and submit the Accounts, with their full explanation thereon, as may be required by the Court.

ESTATE COMMITTEE.

Duties of.

To consider all References from the Court, relative either to the Company's own Estates, or Estates to be purchased.

To receive Tenders for Leases, Under Leases, or Assignments.

To order Notice of Dilapidations or Repairs to be served.

To direct new Trust Deeds to be prepared when necessary.

To view any Estate the Court may consider it desirable to purchase.

To conduct the Sale of any part of the Company's Estates, which by an Act of Parliament the Company may be obliged to relinquish.

To view yearly, part of the Company's Estates.

To receive Accountant's Reports on Rents received. To order when necessary, Distresses to be made or Possession to be recovered from Tenants by Ejectment.

The Committee, or a Deputation thereof, to view the Estates at Hammersmith, Twickenham, Watford, Warley, Plumstead, and Sutton Valance, once at least every seven years. To view the Estates in London triennially, viz.—the Eastern Division, consisting of Premises described by the Committee, 24th May, 1837, in the first year; the Central Division, the second year, and the Northern Division the third year.

The same to be viewed by Sub-Committees, consisting of Two Members of this Committee, attended by the Surveyor, and they to make a Report to this Committee.

The Chairman to attend the Audit Committee on the making up the Report on the Yearly Accounts.

RECORD AND TRUSTS COMMITTEE.

Duties of.

To receive and consider all Applications for Loans, and to report whether the same should be agreed to, or declined.

To keep a strict account of all Trust Accounts, and report whether the Expenditure should be increased or diminished.

To consider all matters relating to Sutton Valance School.

To take care that all Documents belonging to the Company are duly recorded, and placed in safety.

To reply to all matters concerning any Trust or Estate.

To receive Reports of the deaths of Pensioners, and to take care that their number is kept to the proper amount.

To regulate the several Trusts and Charities as circumstances require.

To report whenever the Balance standing to the Credit of any Trust amounts to £100, in order that the same may then be invested for the benefit of such Trust.

The Chairman to attend the Audit Committee, on the making up the Report on the Yearly Accounts.

COURT'S ATTENDANCES, &c.

Fee to Members attending Court &c.

Each Member attending a Court, Committee, or View, being present when the Chair is taken, or the Business commenced, and remaining till the Business of the Day is completed, to be paid £1. 1s. 0d.

Names to be entered.

That the names of Members attending be taken down by the Clerk in a Book.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

No Member who has not been Warden or fined to bring his Servant to attend upon him at any Dinner, upon pain of 3s. 4d. Fine. Members' Servants.

No Gentleman's Servant permitted to enter the Hall but with the approbation of the Master and Wardens only. Visitors' Servants.

No Band of Music to be had at any Entertainment without the special order of the Court. Music.

Entertainments to be provided by contract.

Upon Livery Entertainments at the Hall, Tickets to be sent to every Gentleman of the Court and Livery, or to persons who may be invited by the Court, with their names inserted therein, also four additional Tickets to the Master, and two to each of the Wardens, one each to one half of the Court, and twenty to the Liverymen of the Company, in rotation, for the admission of their Friends. Tickets to be sent to Court and Livery.

The Senior and Junior divisions of the Court Court may introduce friends.

alternately to have the privilege of introducing Friends to all the Court and Livery Dinners, at which any Visitors are admitted (excluding the Confirmation Dinner, when the whole Court have the privilege of inviting) without any distinction between such Dinners. The Master has the liberty of introducing two, and each Warden one Friend to the Confirmation Dinner, and to every Court Dinner, with Friends.

Fine for introducing beyond number.

If the Master, Wardens, or any Members of the Court, introduce more Friends than as above, each shall pay a Fine of £1. 1s. 0d. to the poor's box for every Friend by him so introduced. It is considered, however in practice, that this should occur only in cases of inadvertance, and not by design.

Clerk may introduce friend.

The Clerk is at liberty occasionally to introduce a Visitor at such Dinners.

Freemen not to supply Wine.

No Freeman of the Company, or person in Partnership with him, or on his account, to supply the Company with Wine.

What visitors may sit at Court table.

At Livery Dinners no Visitor to be seated at the Court Tables, except an Alderman, Sheriff, or Member of Parliament for the City of London, or a person of rank specially invited by the Master and Wardens.

After Dinner on Livery Days no Liveryman or Visitor to be admitted into the Court Room except on the introduction of a Member of the Court. As to admission of Livery to Court Room.

All Dinners to be placed on the table at the precise time mentioned in the Cards of Invitation. Dinners to be punctual.

Professional Singers to be paid Three Guineas each for their attendance. Singers to be paid.

EXHIBITIONS.

Filling up vacancies.

That on a vacancy occurring, the same to be announced to the first Court; at the second Court applications for the same, accompanied with a College Certificate, shall be received, and at the third Court such vacancy to be filled up.

Candidates to state qualification.

Candidates for Exhibitions to declare themselves to be Indigent Scholars, and in case they have any Income from any source to state the amount, and how derived.

Persons ineligible.

No person to be eligible to hold an Exhibition who has an Income of £30 per annum.

Term of holding.

Exhibitions to be granted for six years, provided the Scholars holding them continue so long actually resident in College, and without any preferment in the Church.

Payment to be half-yearly.

The Payments to be made half yearly, at Midsummer and Christmas, but a Student resigning, &c., at Lady Day or Michaelmas to be entitled to the quarter.

FREEDOM.

The Court may, without consent of others of the Fellowship, admit into the Freedom at all times such persons as shall appear meet to be a Brother Freeman, by redemption, for such sum as the Court may decide on.

Court may admit persons by redemption.

All such persons to make a request in writing to the Court, or be proposed by a Member of the Court, praying to be admitted into the Freedom of the Company, by redemption, which shall be considered at the first Court, and an order made thereon.

Such persons to make request in writing.

No Freeman to procure himself to be made free of any other Company, without consent of the Court, upon pain of fine of not exceeding 100 Marks (£66. 13s. 4d.)

Freeman not to be free of another Company.

All persons made free, of whatsoever Trade they may be, to pay Admission Money on being made free.

Persons to pay for admission.

Fees payable.

The Fees on admission to Freedom are :—

	By Service.			Patrimony.			Redemption		
Duty	1	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	0
Company.....	0	5	0	0	10	0	100	0	0
Clerk.....	0	6	6	0	6	6	0	16	8
Upper Beadle	0	1	6	0	2	0	0	10	0
Under do. and Porter	0	1	0	0	1	6	0	3	4
Poo's Box	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0
	£1	14	0	2	0	0	109	10	0

HALL.

Neither the Hall, nor any part thereof, to be lent without the Court's consent.

Lending thereof.

Not to be granted to any person whatsoever for holding a Wardmote or Inquest.

Nor to any Lord Mayor of the City of London, unless he be free of the Company.

Nor without the Master's knowledge.

Those having consent, are not to make use of the Furniture, Plate, &c., but to contribute something towards the support of the Company's poor.

Parties having loan thereof not to use furniture.

Any Officer acting contrary to these orders to be dismissed from his office.

LEASES.

Time for renewing.

No Lease of any of the Messuages, Lands, or Tenements to be renewed for any further time or terms of years until the said Lease be within three years of expiration, except for building purposes.

Rents payable at Hall.

All Rents to be made payable at the Company's Hall.

Alienation of.

No Lease to be alienated without License, and a penalty to be inserted in every Lease for alienating without such License.

Marks to be put on houses.

The Company's Arms (cast in lead) as a mark, to be placed upon the several houses belonging to Company, and when several houses join together, a mark be put up at each boundary of the Estate, and one upon the middle of every house.

Terms of Leases.

No Lease to be granted for above 21 years, unless it be for Building, or under peculiar circumstances.

Lessee to have refusal of new lease.

When the Lease of any House is near expiring, or within three years thereof, the Lessee, if in

possession, to have the refusal of renewal, but in case of the Premises being underleased, then the Under Lessee (if respectable) to have such refusal, but in either case if the parties do not agree to the terms, the Court may order notice to be given in the Newspapers, that such House is to be let.

Clerk to prepare deeds.

A Covenant to be inserted in all Leases, that on any assignment being made, the Clerk do prepare the Deeds.

Deposit required on proposal for lease.

In case the Court depart from the rule of not treating for the renewal of a Lease until within three years of the expiration of the existing Lease, and direct a view to be made of the Premises, then the party applying for the renewal to deposit in the hands of the Company's Clerk £10. 10s. 0d. for the expenses of such view, for making estimates of the expenses of repairing, &c. the Premises, and other incidental expenses, in case no agreement be made; if the agreement be entered into such deposit to be returned.

Old lease to be surrendered on granting new one.

If the Court agree to renew a Lease, when the old Lease has above three years to run, such old Lease to be surrendered, and the new not to be for more than 21 years from the quarter next after such agreement is made, unless it be for building.

Fines to be invested.

The Fines received on renewing Leases to be invested in the Three per Cent. Reduced Annuities, and the Interest only arising therefrom to be the Company's Income.

Rents to be demanded within fourteen days.

All Rents to be regularly demanded within fourteen days of their becoming due, and all Tenants who do not pay within one calendar month from that time to be reported.

Persons agreeing for lease to subscribe contract.

Every person on agreeing for a Lease to subscribe to a contract, which, if not performed and sealed within three months, then to be void, and the Premises to be let to another party.

Trustees to be indemnified against expences, &c.

Persons who are Feoffees or Trustees for the Company for their Houses or Lands to be indemnified from all trouble and expenses by their signing or sealing Leases or other Deeds, provided the same be done according to the agreement and orders of the Court.

Master and Wardens to examine leases.

The Master and Wardens, or any three of them, to examine all Leases before they be sealed, and if found to agree with the orders made, then they are to affix the seal in Court.

Clause for insurance.

A Clause to be inserted in all Leases that the Company shall insure the Premises from loss by fire, and that the amount so paid be recoverable from the Tenants in like manner as Rent.

That the Insurances be effected in the Union Fire Office. Insurance to be effected in the Union.

The Conditions for letting Houses to be printed in a concise form, and given to persons applying to take a Lease. Conditions of letting to be printed.

The Charge for a Lease is One Shilling per folio of seventy-two words, for Drawing, Four Pence per folio, for fair copy, and Eight Pence for Engrossing, with the Stamps, Thirteen Shillings and Four Pence for taking Instructions, and the like sum for attending Execution. Charge for Leases.

The Charge for Assignments, Under-leases, &c., is on the same scale with the addition of the Fee ££1. 1s. 0d., for License. Charge for Assignments.

The Charge for an Agreement is £1. 0s. 0d., independent of the Stamp. Charge for Agreement.

LIVERY.

Number.

That the Livery shall not exceed **160.**

Vacancies to be reported, and an election made when five vacancies.

That on the decease of any Liveryman his name be reported, and when there are five vacancies, that the same be also reported, and an election made of five other persons, who, on payment of the Livery and Stewards' Fines and Fees, are to be admitted upon the Livery, after the last person on such list, according to their seniority as Freemen, and such five persons so elected shall be invited to the first Court Dinner.

For the Fine and Fees vide "Steward."

LOAN MONIES.

The Terms on which Loans will be granted to be affixed in the Hall, and advertized. Terms to be advertized.

On any Loan being granted, the Borrower to enter into a Bond with two Sureties for repayment. Bonds.

One Freeman not to be Surety for another.

The Clerk's charge for preparing Loan Bonds, exclusive of Stamps, to be :—

For £15	£0	7	0
From 15 to 30	0	10	6
„ 30 „ 50	0	15	0
„ 50 „ 100	1	1	0

MASTER.

To sign orders.

The Master to sign all orders of a previous Court, on their having been read and confirmed.

To have an account of business.

The Master to have in Court a book, in which is entered an account of the business to be considered.

May place motion on paper.

The Master may order a notice of motion to be placed on the Business Paper for the next Court.

Time of taking the chair.

The Master to take the chair previously to any books being brought into the Court Room.

To have key of seal chest.

The Master to have one of the three keys of the Seal Chest.

MOTIONS.

No motion to be considered without notice thereof has been given in writing at the preceding Court, except with the Court's special leave, or where it may arise out of the business of the day, or shall have been placed on the Paper of Business by order of the Master; but

Notice to be given of motion.

All notices of motions to be stated in the summons to the Members.

To be put on summons.

Motions to be taken into consideration according to the priority of notices, except otherwise ordered by the Court.

Precedence of motions.

A Member not attending, the notice of motion to be discharged, except the Court give permission to defer it to the next Court.

Discharge of.

A Balloting Box to be provided for deciding questions where difference of opinion arises, and a division is required.

Balloting Box.

No Member to speak twice on any question before the Court, except in explanation, or being the mover, in reply.

Members speaking.

OFFICERS.

Elections of Officers, &c., to be by Ballot, and a Balloting Box to be provided for such purpose. Election by ballot.

A List of the Court and Livery to be annually Printed, in August, after the election of the New Officers. List to be printed.

The duties herein prescribed for each Officer not to be considered as absolute, or as exact duty, but variable at the discretion of the Court, or that of the Chief Clerk, on due cause shewn. Duty of Officers variable.

On every Monday morning, at ten o'clock, the whole of the Officers to meet together in the Office of the Chief Clerk, and regularly to report to him in writing what business each has in hand unfinished of the past week, and what they expect will arise in the week then commenced, such reports to be entered in a book to be kept for that purpose, so that in case the Chief Clerk discern too great a pressure in any one department, he may contrive to relieve it. Officers to meet at Chief Clerk's Office.

The Chief Clerk to report to the Court from time to time any alteration which he may deem Chief Clerk to report the alteration of duties.

expedient or advisable to be made in the allotment of duties to any Officer.

Officers and their election.

A Clerk, an Assistant Clerk, an Accountant, also an Accountant of the Irish Estate, an Agent for the Irish Estate, a Surveyor, a Beadle, and a Porter to be elected annually, by ballot, on the election day of Master and Wardens, and their election to be confirmed on Confirmation Day.

Hours of business.

The hours of business to be from ten in the morning till four o'clock in the afternoon. No Officer, without special cause assigned, to be absent during such hours; in cases of emergency their services to be extended beyond such hours as may be required by the actual business of the Company.

CLERK.

Not required to reside at the Hall, but proper Offices for Business to be provided for him—to have a salary of £500 per annum—to transact all law and other business for the Company without any extra charge, beyond the money actually expended—to prepare and settle all drafts of whatever kind, also all Leases at the Tenant's expense —to make out a Rental of the Estates—to receive the Rents and Dividends, and to pay them into the Company's Bankers—to be allowed to practice as a Solicitor—to give Security, himself in £2,000, and two Sureties in £1,000 each. Duties of.

The Clerk to take care that the several books be constantly written up; viz.

Wine Book,
List of Court and Livery,
Orphan Duty Book,
Packington's Accounts with Parishes,
Dixon's Account with Christ's Hospital,
Tenant's Repair Book,
Relief Book,
Heron's Trust Books,
Hobby's Trust Book,
Account with the Merchant Tailors for the Irish Estate,
West's Trust Account Books,
Court and Committee Books,
Cash Book, Ledger, Journal, &c., &c.

The Clerk is entitled to all Fees as Receiver of Trusts, and to Fees for Bindings, Making Free, Admitting to the Livery, &c.

The person elected Clerk, if free of the Company, to be disfranchised.

He is to attend the Master and Wardens, all Courts and Estate Committees, all Processions and Meetings of the Company, whether for business or otherwise, to prepare all necessary documents for such Meetings, and notes of business to be taken by him, and recorded in the Court or Committee book, to attend the Clothing Charities, and at Church.

To prepare and place on the proceedings of the Estate Committee a list of those Tenants whose Leases may expire within the period at which applications for renewal may be received, viz. three years.

ASSISTANT CLERK.

To make a fair copy of all Drafts for legal business, and carry the same into execution. To attend the Master and Warden for the purpose of Binding or Making Free; to receive applications from all persons requiring information respecting the Charities of the Company, whether of the Loan Trusts, the Annuities to West's relations, as to their pedigrees, and generally all matters relating to the conditions under which the Charities are bestowed, and the qualifications required of the partakers. Duties of.

To copy into the proper Books the proceedings of the Courts and Estate Committees; the separate proceedings relative to West's Trusts, whether occurring in the Books of Courts or Committees, and to prepare and keep up the Indexes of such Books.

To be subordinate to, and under the control of the Chief Clerk, as regards the Company's business; to reside at the Hall, but not to let any part of his residence; to be found coals and candles, and such of the provisions, after all dinners, as he may think fit; his salary to be £200 per annum, but no other allowance; he may practice as a Solicitor; to give security himself in £1000, and two sureties in £500 each.

ACCOUNTANT.

of. To keep in his own hand all the books of account of the first class, i. e. the "Cash-Book," "Journal," "Ledger," "Ledger of Rents," and all the books of separate accounts; the Petty Cash-Book of all disbursements; to superintend (the Beadle assisting,) the payment of all pensions; to give receipts for rents in the absence of the Chief Clerk; to keep the account of rents always so clear and distinct as to be able to state at all times when referred to, what amount of rent or insurance is due from each party. To act as Secretary to the Record and Trust Committee; also to the Audit Committee; to enter their proceedings, and to employ himself, when required, in searching into the records of the Company for the elucidation of accounts, &c.

To receive a salary of £200 per annum, and to give security to the amount of £1000.

To lay before the Estate Committee, at their Monthly Meetings, omitting January and July, a statement of the rents then remaining unpaid; and when any tenant has promised to pay on a certain day, and omits so doing immediately by letter, to remind the party, and press for payment.

ACCOUNTANT OF THE IRISH ESTATE.

Duties of.

To enter all proceedings and letters relating to the Irish Estate; to keep the "Rental," "Ledger of Rents," "Cash-Book," "General Ledger," "Committee Books," and other Books which may be required.

To receive a salary of £200 per annum, and give Security to the amount of £1,000.

AGENT FOR THE IRISH ESTATE.

Duties of.

To receive the rents, pay them to the Company's orders, and do all other matters he may be required.

To receive a Salary of £5. per Cent. on amount of Rent collected, and £20. per annum for seeing the distribution of the Turf; to give Security to the amount of £4,000.

SURVEYOR.

Duties of.

To attend at every General Court, Estate Co mittee, or view, and whenever else required.

On any view with the Court or Committees take instructions for surveys, and reports there and the value of all houses on renewing Leas to take particulars of any want of reparatio to send copies thereof to the Company's Cle to serve on the tenants the value of the premi for insurance; to attend the Clerk when necessa to report the amount to be expended in repai the sum to be insured on the Company's p mises.

To keep the Plan-Book of the Estates in pr order, altering the same whenever necessary; to make all plans that may be required.

To insert on every Lease and Counterpa Ground Plot of the premises therein let.

To provide any person proposing to take a l of any of the Company's Estates with a co the repairs required to be done by him to premises; also to enter a copy of such his re on repairs, in a book to be kept in the Compa Office.

To attend to see all repairs, either for a new Lease, or as dilapidations, properly executed, and to report when the same are completed; and to take a full description of the premises, with a Schedule of the fixtures.

To inform persons applying for a new Lease the amount of his valuation for yearly rent, if the same has been agreed to by the Estate Committee.

To survey, value, and report, all damages occasioned to the Company's houses by fire, and to superintend the rebuilding or repairing of such premises.

To survey and report his opinion of the value of any Estate or Property of which the Company may be desirous of obtaining such information. To make all such surveys under the Building Act as may be required, and to see that the Company's houses are painted according to the covenants in the respective Leases.

To superintend repairs at the Hall, and buildings belonging to the Company.

To examine all Artificers' bills.

To see that the Company's marks are preserved

on all their houses; and when removed, to see that another mark be put up; and on the purchase of any Estate, to see that the Company's marks be immediately put on at the proper boundaries, &c.

BEADLE.

The Beadle to keep the Relief Book—the Registers of Freemen and Apprentices, of the Court and Livery—of the Applications of West's Relatives, with their several Pedigrees—of the Applications for Blind Pensions, and all Books whatever of that description—prepare, send out, and deliver all Summonses for Courts, Committees, and Livery Meetings, here or at Guildhall, and Tickets for Entertainments, Applications to Tenants for Payment of Rents, and all other notices of whatever kind or description—to keep a Book for the insertion of every Notice or Summons issued from the Hall, and generally any Books of the same kind that may be required for the better and more regular administration of the Company's affairs—to copy into the Letter Book all Letters received and sent. Duties of.

To attend at all the Company's Festivals, Processions and Charities—to constantly reside at the Hall, attend at Guildhall with Apprentices to be enrolled, or with persons to be made free—to see that the Hall is kept clean, as also the Furniture, Linen, Plate, Pewter, Glass, &c.

The Lists of the Court and Livery, on being printed, after Confirmation Day, to be immediately distributed by him to the Members of the Livery.

UNDER BEADLE, OR PORTER.

To deliver Notices or Summonses, or to go errands. Duties of.

To answer enquiries that may be made at the Hall, referring parties to the Officer in whose department it may be to give full information.

On rising in the morning to open the doors and window-shutters, and to close them in the evening—to light the gas lamp and fires, when necessary—to sweep the pavement in front of the Hall every morning, before breakfast—to wash the same at least once weekly—to keep all the Apartments in the Hall and Furniture clean—beat the Door Mats, and bring up the Coals for use daily—wash and scrub the Court Yard and Flags in the Garden—to take care of, and keep clean, the Knives, Forks, Decanters, Ink-stands, Master's, Wardens', Clerk's, and Chaplain's Gowns, Green Cloth Covers, &c.

To be constantly in attendance at all the Committee Meetings, having previously prepared the Rooms, Tables, &c.

When necessary to move the Furniture.

To reside (unless leave to the contrary) constantly on the Premises, and not to absent himself more than necessary before or after Office hours.

To take an Account in a proper Book of the receipt of Coals, Wood, Wine, Ale, Soda Water, and every other similar article, as also of Empty Bottles returned.

To be, as regards the performance of his duties, under the direction of the Upper Beadle.

PENSIONS, OR CASUAL RELIEF.

A Register of the Applicants for Pensions, or other Relief, to be kept up, setting forth every particular of age, employment, situation, and all other circumstances connected with each case.

Register of Applicants to be kept.

That previously to the day of election for Blind Persons, residing in the City of London, under West's Trusts, there be enclosed in the Summons to each Member of the Court, a List of the Candidates, their ages, and residences.

List to be sent to Members.

If two Pensions (one for a Man and another for a Woman) be declared vacant at the same Court, the Senior Member of the Court, whose turn it is to nominate, to elect his choice of Man or Woman. If such Senior Member is not present or prepared, notice shall be given to such Member and to the two Members next in turn, to attend at the next Court to nominate; and, if such Senior Member does not attend, or, attending, is not prepared to nominate, he shall lose his turn, and the vacancy be filled up by the next in succession, who shall be present and prepared to nominate, and the succeeding nomination to be in each case with the

If vacancies for man and woman, Senior Member in turn to choose, &c.

Member next in seniority to the one by whom the the last nomination was made.

Member nominating to state circumstances.

The Member nominating to any Pension expected to state in Court, that he has satisfied himself that the questions given in the Petition have been correctly answered.

Also to sign petitions.

Members presenting Petitions from Freemen for Relief to signs their names thereon.

Particulars of cases to be delivered Beadle.

No persons to be Relieved, who have not first delivered to the Beadle, the particulars of their cases set forth in the prescribed form, signed by themselves and Housekeepers, as mentioned therein.

Beadle to investigate petitions.

The Beadle from time to time to investigate such Petitions, and if any wilful misrepresentations be detected, the name of the Petitioner doing so to be registered in a book, as unworthy to receive future relief.

Petitions to be filed.

Petitions for Pensions or Relief to be filed, with an Index for reference.

Applicants not to be on Livery

No Application for Relief to Members of the Livery or Court to be received until the Livery Fine has been returned to the Member applying.

No Application for Relief to such Members be considered, unless notice has been given at the previous Court, to which such application is made.

Persons late on the Livery or Court not to apply without notice given.

No Freeman, having been a Liveryman, to receive a £4 Pension.

Such persons not to receive £4 pension.

On the grant of Relief to any such Member, it be for, and during, the pleasure of the Court.

Relief to be during pleasure

No such Members to be eligible to receive according to the prescribed plan, unless he shall have been seven years a Liveryman.

Persons not having been seven years Liverymen.

In applications for Relief, by decayed Liverymen, or their Widows, the Members of the Court supporting the Petition to state the amount and particulars of the Petitioner's Income.

Members supporting petitions to state circumstances.

The Relief to such Members as have been on the Court not to exceed £100 per annum.

Relief to late Members of Court.

The Relief to such Members as have been, or may be, on the Livery be as follows, viz.:

To late Liverymen.

To those who have been on the Livery

7 years, not to exceed .	£20
14 years ,, . .	30
21 years and upwards .	50

Scale of Relief to same.

The extent of such relief, however, to be in the Court's discretion, so that at no time the sums exceed the amounts stated for the respective periods.

Relief to Widows.

Relief to the Widows of such Members to be on the same scale and footing.

Saint Thomas's Eve Gift.

The nomination to St. Thomas's Eve, and similar Gifts is in the Court, the balance after deducting the amounts receivable as matter of right, or usage, to be divided into sums of 10s., 15s., 20s., and 25s., and Cards to be divided between the Members present at the Court preceding the distribution, which, signed by such Members, shall entitle the parties named therein to the sums specified. In the event of any person bringing more than one Card, no more than 25s. to be payable thereon in the whole, the difference, if there be any, remaining between the amount to be distributed and the amount paid, to be for distribution on the following St. Thomas's Eve.

West's Apprentice Fees.

West's two Apprentice Fees of £20 15s. 1d. each, per annum, to be voted on the receipt of Petitions, by proper applications.

Webster's Gift.

Webster's Gift to be distributed annually to poor Freemen, or their Widows, on the 4th No-

November, being appointed by the Court in October.

That no person, free of the Company receive any relief or be appointed to any Pension, Gift, or Clothing, in the gift or nomination of this Company, unless the party has been free at least seven years, except specially ordered by the Court.

PROCEEDINGS, GENERAL BUSINESS.

Clerk's notes.

The Clerk's notes of the Business transacted in Court to be read before its rising.

Orders of Court

The Orders of each Court to be entered in a book, and on being read over at, and confirmed by, the subsequent Court, to be then signed by the Master.

Clerk not to give copy order, &c.

The Clerk not to give a Copy of any Order concerning the Company's Business, previously to its confirmation, nor without he has the sanction of the Master and Wardens.

Rules to be transcribed.

The rules and regulations to be transcribed in a book prepared for the purpose, and laid on the table every Court Day.

Sum exceeding twenty guineas not to be given without notice.

Unless notice is given at a preceding Court, no sum exceeding 20 guineas to be at any time subscribed, or given away, except it be for services rendered to the Company, or for any annual gift.

STEWARDS.

That the Fine be paid on a Freeman being made a Liveryman; the amount to be paid for the Livery and Steward Fines, &c., being:

Fines	£50	0	0
Clerk	1	1	0
Beadle . . .	0	10	6
Under Beadle .	0	7	0
Stamp . . .	0	1	6
	£52	0	0

SURETIES.

Names to be entered.

Names of persons proposed as Sureties for any matter concerning the Company's affairs to be entered in the Court Book.

SUTTON VALENCE.

Annual Examination.

To be an Annual Examination of the school previously to the summer vacation. The Visitors to consist of the Master and two upper Wardens, together with the Chairman and one other Member of the Record and Trusts Committee.

Prizes to be given.

Prizes to be distributed to the Scholars in the presence of the Visitors; the books so given, to be bound in calf, lettered on the back, with the Company's arms, and a proper inscription placed inside each book.

Names of those obtaining same to be advertized

The names of the Scholars to whom prizes shall be awarded, to be advertized in the "Maidstone Gazette."

Nature of education.

The Education of the Scholars to be of such a description as to qualify them to profit by, and accept, the two Exhibitions for St. John's College, Cambridge, endowed by Mr. Francis Robins.

Robins' Exhibitions.

Company's Exhibitions.

That there be an Exhibition of £20 a-year either for Oxford or Cambridge for Scholars of

he Foundation of Sutton Valence School, only to be bestowed on the recommendation of the Master of the School; and to remain vacant in the event of no Scholar being properly qualified to receive it.

Number, &c., of boys to be educated.

Thirty-six boys to be elected, to be qualified for the Church, or other learned profession, to be called the "Classical Scholars of Sutton Valence School;" but not to be admitted till they are ten years of age, and to remain till they are sixteen. But if any pupil intend to go to either of the Universities, he may then remain in the school until such time as the Master shall consider him fit for the studies which would there be imposed upon him.

The description of the boys so to be educated.

Twenty-four to be the Sons of the surrounding Clergy or Farmers, the actual occupiers of the land, not mere labourers, to be educated gratuitously, and the other twelve boys to be the Sons of Freemen of the Clothworkers' Company, a preference being given to those whose parents may have become reduced. The Sons of Freewomen (born after the admission to the freedom of the Company) may, on the death of their Fathers, be Candidates, and be educated, boarded, and lodged gratuitously.

Master's emoluments, &c.

A Master, being a Graduate of one of the Universities, to be appointed, and called the Classical Master of Sutton Valence School, with a salary

Master's emoluments.

of £60, and an allowance of £30 per annum for each boy boarded by the Company. The privilege of taking twelve other boys as boarders apart from the Foundation boys, on his own terms, and a Curacy within a distance of two or three miles. To enter into a Bond, engaging to resign his office whenever called upon to do so by the Company.

Master's duties

His duties being, to educate and prepare the boys for the Universities; the internal management of the school to be entrusted to him.

Assistant Master.

To have an assistant Master, or Usher at £50 per annum.

Boys to be examined previous to admission.

No boy to be admitted, without being first examined by the Master of the School, to ascertain whether he be a fit and proper candidate, to be afterwards balloted for by the Court for admission.

Description of education.

The boys to be instructed either in the Classics or Mathematics, in addition to the ordinary branches of Education, and to conform entirely to the system upon which the school shall be conducted by the Head Master.

Boy not to be absent without leave.

No boy shall be allowed to absent himself from the School (illness excepted) without the express permission of the Head Master.

Every boy to return to the school on the day on which it shall re-open, or pay a fine of 5s. for each day he may be absent, unless detained by the death of a near relation, or by sickness, in which latter case, a Certificate from the Medical Man who has attended must be forwarded to the Head Master, when such boy shall return to the school; and if any boy be absent from the school except for the above reasons for more than six days from the re-opening thereof, he shall be subject to expulsion.

To return on day school opens, or pay a fine, and subject to expulsion, except by illness, &c.

TRUSTS.

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Balance to be invested.

The balance of any Trust exceeding £100, the same to be invested in stock for the benefit of the Trust.

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ORDINANCES.

To all Christian people to whome this present wryting shall come Thomas Lord Coventry Baron of Allesborough Lord keeper of the great Seale of England Sir John Bramston Knight Lord Cheif Justice of the Kings Bench and Sir John Finch Knight Lord Cheif Justice of his Ma^ts^ Court of Common Pleas at Westminster send greeting in o^r^ lord God everlasting **Whereas** in a certaine Act or Statute in Parliament houlden at Westminster the five and twentith day of Januarie in the nyneteenth yeare of the reigne of the late King of famous memorie Henry after the Conquest the Seaventh made and ordeined for the weale and profitt of his Subjects It was (amongst other things) ordayned established and enacted That noe Master Wardens and Fellowshipp of Crafts or Misteries nor anie of them nor any Rulers of Guilds or Fraternities should from thenceforth take upon them to make any Actes or Ordinances nor to execute anie Acts or Ordi-

nances heretofore by them made in disheritance or diminution of the prerogative of the King nor of others nor against the common pfitt of the people But if the said acts or Ordinances were examined and approved by the Chauncellr Treasurer of England or Cheif Justices of either Bench or three of them or else before both the Justices of Assise in their Circuite or progresse in the Shire where such actes or ordinances be made Upon payne of forfeiture of forty pounds for everie tyme that they doe to the contrarie as by the said Acte of Parliament more plainly it doth & may appeare **Know yee** that the Master Wardens and Comunaltie of freemen of the Arte or Mistery of Cloathworkers of the Cittie of London willing and desireing the said Acte of Parliament to be in all things duly observed & kept the third day of January in the foureteenth yeare of the reigne of our Soveraigne Lord Charles by the grace of God king of England Scotland Fraunce & Ireland defendor of the Faith &c. Have exhibited to us a Booke conteyning divers Articles Acts and Ordinances by them made ordeyned and devised for the better rule order and govermement of the said Company or Fellowshipp of Cloathworkers and their Successors and of such others as now doe use or which hereafter shall use the Arte or Mistery of Cloathworkers within the Citty of London the

suburbes and precincts of the same or within such other place or places as by the lawes of the Realme the said Company are priviledged and authorized and for the Common Weale and Conservation of the said Art or Mistery of Cloathworkers And have humbly and instantly desired us that wee all and every of their Acts and ordinances hereafter menconed and by them to us exhibited would examine correct & amend in due and convenient maner and forme and then afterwards allow and approve As the said recited Act of Parliament requireth Wee well perteyning and cosidering the same to be good and reasonable according to their desires and by the authority of the said Acte of Parliament to us given All and every their Actes and Ordinances so to us exhibited have seene read & well understood & all & every of them have examined corrected & reformed The tenor whereof hereafter ensueth

1. Imprimis it is ordeyned constituted & established by these presents that the Freemen of the Company or Fellowshipp of the said Art or mistery of Cloathworkers of the Citty of London shall and may at all time and times hereafter and from time to time at their libertie & pleasure congregate and assemble themselves att their Comon Hall now belonging to their said Company or Fellowshipp within the said Citty or to

any other Hall that hereafter shall belong to the said Company or fellowshipp for the better direction and continuance of the good order goverment rule and reformation of the said Company or Fellowship of Cloathworkers or for any other their affaires and busines.

2. Item it is ordeyned ordered and established that from henceforth upon the first Monday in August yearly for ever or within twenty dayes before or within twenty days next after the said first Monday in August as shall be thought most necessary by the appoyntment of the Master and Wardens and Assistants of the said Company or Fellowshipp or the more part of them for the time being The same Master and Wardens and all or the greater part of such as have been Master or Wardens of the said Company or have fyned for the same, shall and may assemble themselves at their Common Hall within the said Citty about the houre of seaven of the Clocke in the morning and then and there so assembled shall and may nominate elect and chuse of and amongst such of themselves as never before that time have bene Master but have only borne and passed the place and office of Warden of the said Company or fyned for the same or of such of the said Company as then be or before that time have bene Aldermen or Shiriffs of the Citty of London or have put themselves to a fyne for the same a

discreet able and sufficient person to be Master of the said Company to rule and governe the said Company or Fellowshipp of the said Art or Mystery of Cloathworkers for the yeare then next ensueing and untill a new election of another Mr. shall be made according to the tenor of these ordinances And if it shall happen that the voyces of the said Mr Wardens & assistants be even and equall in number in the said election then the Master for the time being shall have a double voyce for the fynall determination of the said eleccon of a new Master And further that the said Master Wardens & assistants or the more part of them for the tyme being shall & may nominate elect and chuse foure other able discreet and sufficient persons to be the foure Wardens of the said Company for the said yeare ensueing The two foremost of which said foure persons shall be elected & chosen out of such as has have formerly borne the office & place of Wardens of the said Company or have paid their fynes for the same (if any such shall be) or otherwise the said eleccon of the said two formost Wardens to be made out of such of the auncientest and ablest of the Livery or Cloathing of this Company as the said Master Wardens & assistants shall thincke fitt and meet to be elected to the said places And the said two other persons shall be elected and chosen out of the auncientest meetest & ablest of the Livery or Cloathing of the said Company which have not

before that tyme borne the office of Warden of the said Company nor have paid their fynes for the same And if it shall happen that the voyces of the said Master Wardens and Assistants shall be even and equall in number in the eleccon of the said Wardens Then the Master for the tyme being shall also have a double voyce for the finall determination of the said eleccon of Wardens which said foure persons after their said election in maner and forme aforesaid shall be Wardens of the said Company for one yeare from thence next following and from & after the end and expiration of the said yeare so long and untill others be elected into such place or office of Wardens of the said Art or Mystery And if it shall happen that att any tyme hereafter either the said Master or any of the said Wardens which shall be att any tyme so chosen shall depart this mortall life before the end & expiration of that yeare Then the survivors either of Master or Wardens for that time being & Assistants of the said Company or the more part of them shall & may from tyme to time in every such case at a Court of Assistants by them to be held elect and chuse other Master Warden or Wardens in the place of him or them so deceasing and the same person or psons so newly elected to execute the place or office of him or them soe deceasing for the residue of the tyme then to come that the said pson or persons so deceasing should have done if he or they had lived

And it is also ordeyned & ordered That if any person elected and chosen to be Master of the said Company or Fellowshipp of the said Art or Mistery of Cloathworkers in maner and forme above particularly expressed shall att the tyme of the said eleccon or att any tyme after refuse deny neglect or delay to take upon him the said place & office of Master of the said Company and to be sworne wth in foureteene dayes after such his eleccon according to an Ordinance and to the Oathes hereafter in these presents expressed for that Office having noe reasonable or just lett or impediment that shall or may then appeare to the said Master Wardens & Assistants or ye more part of them for the tyme being for his sufficient excuse & discharge in this behalf That then the said person soe elected and refusing denyeing neglecting or delaying shall forfeite and pay to the Master Wardens and Comunalty aforesaid for the use of the said Company the sume of Twenty pounds of lawfull money of England so often and for every tyme as he shall be so chosen Master and shall refuse neglect or delay to take the said place or office upon him and to take the said Oath And it is further ordeyned and ordered That if any person or persons of the said Company or fellowshipp which at any tyme hereafter shall be named and elected to the place or office of Warden of the said Company or Fellowshipp in maner as aforesaid shall at the tyme

of his or their election or at any tyme after refuse neglect or delay to take upon him or them the said place and office and to be sworne within fourteene days after such eleccon according to an ordinance & to the Oathes hereafter in these presents ordayned and expressed That then he or they so neglecting or refusing denyeing or delaying shall forfeit and pay to the said Master Wardens & Comunalty of the said Company to and for the use of the same for every tyme so refusing and denyeing the sume of fifty pounds of lawfull money of England.

3. Item it is further ordeyned ordered and established that every pson or psons of the said Company or Fellowshipp of the said Art or Mystery of Cloathworkers which shall be elected and preferred to be Master or Warden of the said Company before he shall have orderly served and supplyed the roome or place roomes or places of the inferior Warden or Wardens of the said Company That then every person or persons so preferred shall pay such fyne for every office of Wardenshipp which hee or they have not served as the Master Wardens and Assistants of the said Company or the more part of them for the tyme being in their discretions shall thinck good and reasonable So that the said fyne so to be assessed upon any one person exceed not forty pounds.

4. Item it is ordered ordeyned & established That the said new Master & Wardens and every of them which shall be so elected as aforesaid shall from tyme to tyme within fourteen dayes next after the day of his election in their Common Hall aforesaid take the Oathes concerning the said Master & Wardens or any of them hereafter for that purpose ordeyned & expressed in these presents in the presence of the ould Master and Wardens and Assistants of the said Company or fellowshipp of Cloathworkers for the tyme being or the more part of them upon payne before in these presents lymitted.

5. Item it is ordered that the ould Master and Wardens and Assistants of the said Company or the more part of them as often and when as need shall require at any tyme hereafter shall give their attendance And be readie to receive & take the Oathes of the new Master and new Wardens within the tyme before for that purpose in these psentes lymitted upon payne that every of them being negligent and offending in this behalf shall forfeite and pay twenty shillings for every such offence.

6. Item forasmuch as the Company or Fellowshipp of the said Art or Mistery of Cloathworkers may happen att some tyme hereafter to chuse and elect such person to be the Master of

the said Company or Fellowshipp as either by reason of sicknes or else by affaires of importance as well in divers parts on this side the seas as in divers parts beyond the seas may be often letted or hindered from being continually attendant upon his said office and alwayes resident amongst the said Company or Fellowshipp for the better goverment & more due execution of the said office It is therefore ordered ordeyned and decreed That evy Master of the said Company or fellowshipp of the said Art or Mistery of Cloathworkers for the tyme being may in such respect as necessitie shall require with the assent of the Wardens & of the Assistants for the tyme being or the more part of them assigne and appoynt one of the gravest and most auncient Assistants of the same Company or Fellowshipp of Cloathworkers to be his deputy and substitute to supply in his absence the office of being Master of the said Company or fellowshipp And further it is ordeyned that it shall & may be lawfull for every such deputy or substitute so being assigned & appoynted as aforesaid to execute doe and performe at all and every tyme & tymes hereafter in the absence of the Master for the tyme being all and every thing and things whatsoever which by reason of the ordinances in this book conteyned shall concern and appteyne to the Office of the Master of the said Company or fellowshipp in as large lawfull and ample maner and forme to all intents and

purposes as if the said Master of the said Company or fellowshipp were himself in person present anything in these present ordinances conteyned to the contrarie notwithstanding.

7. Item for that it is convenient and necessary that ye Master and Wardens of the said Company should be sufficiently assisted and ayded by the good advice and councell of the grave and discreet men of the said Company It is therefore ordered ordeyned and established that from tyme to tyme and att all tymes hereafter All those that have borne the places or offices of Master or Wardens of this Company or have paid their fynes for not bearing any of the said places shall be the Assistants to the said Master and Wardens of the said Company for the tyme being (unles any of them shall be thereof excempted and discharged by the Master Wardens and Assistants of the said Company for the tyme being or the more part of them att a Court by them to be holden) And that the Master Wardens and Assistants of the said Company for the tyme being or the more part of them shall and may from tyme to tyme at their pleasures when and as often as occasion shall require call elect & make choise of such and so many others of the Livery of the said Company to be Assistants of the said Company as to the said Master Wardens and Assistants or the more part of them for the tyme shall seeme fitt and

expedient And it is further ordered that every such person before he take upon him to be an Assistant shall take a Corporall Oath before the Master and Wardens of the said Company for the tyme being in such maner and forme as hereafter for that purpose is expressed upon paine of forfeiture of five pounds.

8. Item It is further ordered decreed & established That the Mr Wardens and Assistants that now are for the tyme they shall remain and continue in office and the Master Wardens & Assistants hereafter for the tyme being or the more part of them and in default of a greater number of the same Assistants the Master Wardens and twelve assistts or the more part of the Master and Wardens with twelve Assistants at the least for the tyme being of the said Company or fellowshipp of the said Art or Mistery of Cloathworkers from tyme to tyme and att all times hereafter for ever shall have full power and authority to performe doe and execute any of the lawes statutes acts & ordinances comprised & menconed in this book of Ordinances and all and every thing & thinges whatsoever for the comon weale and the conservation of the good Estate of the said Company or fellowshipp of the said Art or Mistery of Cloathworkers and the better government and correccon of the said Company or fellowshipp of the said Art or Mistery of Cloathworkers.

9. Item it is ordered ordeyned & established That at all tyme and tymes hereafter as often as it shall seeme good unto the Master & the other Wardens of the said Art or mystery of Cloathworkers The yongest Warden of the said Wardens soe elected nominated & chosen as aforesaid shall for the tyme so being yongest Warden be also Renter or Rentgatherer and Receyvor of all the Rents and Revenues of the Lands tenements and possessions belonging to the said Company or fellowshipp of the said Art or Mistery of Cloathworkers.

10. Item forasmuch as the said Company of Cloathworkers have before this tyme sustayned great losses by some persons accompted of good estate and creditt with the said Company by reason of the trust reposed in them in receipts and custody of money comitted to their charge by the said Company to the use of the same without any bond or bonds taken for the security of the said Company Therefore for preventing of such like inconveniences for the tyme to come It is ordeyned ordered & established that every person and persons of the said Company or fellowshipp of the said Art or Mistery of Cloathworkers which at any tyme hereafter shall be chosen to supply the places and roomes of first and second Wardens, commonly called the rentor and quarter Wardens of the said Company shall before such tyme as any of them shall take upon him or them the execution

of the Office or Offices become severally bound by obligacon with such sufficient suretyes as the Master Wardens and Assistants of the said Company or the more part of them for the tyme being shall like and allow of to the Master and Wardens of the said Company for the tyme being in the summe of One thousand pounds with conditions thereupon severally to be indorsed to this effect vizt that if he or they the said Rentor or Quarterwarden his or their executors or admistrators shall within three monthes next after his or their goeing out of office or decease (wch of them shall first happen) make a true and just accompt to the auditors of the said Company or fellowshipp in y^{t} case to be assigned of and for all such rents fynes summe and sumes of money whatsoever wch by any wayes or meanes have or shall come to his or their hands by reason of his or their Office or offices of Wardenshipp or otherwise by the appoyntment of the said Mr Wardens & Assistants or any of them or otherwise for or to the said Company And also to pay to the Master & Wardens of the said Company or fellowshipp for the tyme being within twentie days next after the accompt then audyted all such summe and summes of money which upon the foote of their said accompts or otherwise shall be found to remayne in their or any of their hands due & payable And shall also in the meane tyme and from tyme to tyme during the tyme of his and their Wardenshipps

pay or cause to be paid to such persons and to such uses as by the Master Wardens and Assistants of the said Company or fellowshipp for the tyme being he or they shall be appointed and assigned all such quarterly and other payments and all such summe and summes of money as by the said Master Wardens and Assistants shall be thought needfull and necessary out of such of the Stocke and moneys of the said Company as from tyme to tyme shall appeare to the said Master Wardens and Assistants to remayne and be in his or their hands undisbursed That then the said severall obligations shall be voyd & of none effect or els to stand in full force effecte and vertue And it is further ordered that the said late Master and ev^ry and either of the other of the late wardens commonly called the upper & third Wardens shall within twenty dayes next after the audyting of ye said accompt deliver and pay unto the M^r and Wardens then being all such summe and summes of Money as shall be found due resting or payable to the said Company in his or their hands upon the said accompt upon payne that the person so offending in whose hands any rest or duties to the said Company shall be or remaine not satisfied or paid as aforesaid shall forfeit and pay to the Master and Wardens then being to & for the use of the said Company for every month that he shall deteyne or withould the same after de-

maund thereof made the summe of tenne pounds of lawfull money of England.

11. Item it is ordeyned that within forty dayes after the elleccon of the Master and Wardens yearly The Mas^tr^ Wardens and Assistants or the more part of them for the tyme being shall chuse & elect foure five or six persons being of the Assistants of the Art or Mistery of Cloathworkers to be Audytors for the taking of the Accompts of the late Master and Wardens and other officers of the said Company or fellowshipp of the said Art or Mistery of Cloathworkers and to take and receive all such accompts and reckonings as ought to be made or to be accompted for by them or any of them concerning any money plate jewells goods profitts rents of lands tenements and hereditam^ts^ commodities and other thinges whatsoever touching belonging concerning or apperteyning to the said Company or Fellowshipp of the said Art or Mistery of Cloathworkers or which shall happen at any time hereafter to come belong or appteyne to the said Fellowship of the said Art or Mistery And it is further ordered that the said Auditors being so chosen shall audite the Accompt within thirty dayes after their election upon payne of forfeyture of twenty shillings a peice if any default shall be in them.

12. Item it is ordered that the said Company or fellowshipp of ye said Art or Mistery of Cloathworkers and their successors shall from tyme to tyme and att all tymes hereafter have one substantiall chest or countinghouse or some other convenient place with three severall keyes thereunto belonging for the safe custody and keeping as well of all such money plate jewells goods substance and other thinges which shall appteyne or belong unto the said Company or fellowshipp of the said Art or Mistery of Cloathworkers as also of all the Chres Evidencs Ordinancs and wrytings to the said Company or fellowshipp appteyning One of the which three severall keyes shall be and remayne in the custodie of the Master for the tyme being One other of the said keyes in the custody of the Upper Warden and the third Key in the custody of the Second Warden commonly called the Quarter Warden who shall altogether in their proper persons repaire to the opening of the said Counting house Chest or Place when and as often as their shall be occasion And if it shall happen any of the said Master or Wardens to be sick or out of the Citty or to have any other lawfull busines Then then Master Wardens and Assistants or any of them having any of the said Keyes in Custody and so being sicke or out of the Citty shall appoint one of the Auncients or more of the said Company of Assistants to take his or

their Key to supply his or their roome in his or their absence.

13. Item it is ordeyned ordered and established That betweene the tyme of the Election of the Master and Wardens and the feast of Saint Michaell the Archangell yearly the late Second Warden commonly called the Quarter Warden in the Comon Hall of the said Company or fellowshipp of the said Art or Mistery of Cloathworkers in the p^r^nce of the New Master and Wardens of the said Company or Fellowshipp or ye more part of them then p^r^sent shall make a just true and full accompt by Inventory or otherwise to the same new Master & Wardens or the more part of them whereof the Second Warden commonly called ye Quart^r^ Warden to be one of for & concerning all and all maner of Jewells plate Lynnen or Stock of household stuffe Chres wrytings and evidences or other goods and implements w^t^soever remayning in his charge & Custody belonging to the said Company or fellowshipp of the said Art or Mistery of Cloathworkers and then & there in the presence of the new Master & Wardens or the more part of them shall deliver to the Second or Quarter Warden for the tyme being ye said plate Jewells & Stocke of household stuffe Chres wrytings evidencs and other goods and implements together with his key and all

other things whatsoever as aforesaid then being or remayning in his hands custodie or possession or which he shall or may be dulie or lawfully charged to have receyved to the use of the said Company or fellowshipp of the said Art of Mistery of Cloathworkers or otherwise appteyning to the said Company or fellowshipp upon paine of forfeyture of five marks for every month he shall detayne any of the premises in his hands after the tyme aforesaid And it is further ordered that the same accompt with the Inventory & such other thinges as shall be so delivered upp shall ymediatly be written by the Cleark of the said Company or Fellowshipp of the said Art or Mistery of Cloathworkers in a Lidgier book which shall alwayes remayne & be kept in the said Chest or counteing house or other place as aforesaid.

14. Item it is ordayned constituted & and established that the said Company or Fellowshipp of the Cloathworkers shall have a decent livery comely for themselves and meet to attend upon the Lord Maior and Aldermen of this Citty of London from tyme to tyme as occasion shall require And y^t^ as often as it shall be thought fitt by the Master Wardens and Assistants of the said Company or the greater part of them for the tyme being the said Master Wardens and assistants or the greater part of them shall and may call chuse

elect and admitt into the Livery or Cloathing of the said Company such and so many person or persons free of the said Company as they shall think fitt meet and able to be of the same Livery or Cloathing and assigne them or any of them a day houre and place for his and their appearance in their gownes and hoods to serve therein such decent and comely sort as in the said Company or fellowshipp is and hath bene accustomed & used And every person which shall be so called elected and chosen to be of the Livery or Cloathing of the said Company which before that tyme hath served twice in the place of Warden of the Yeomanry of ye said Company or fyned twice for the same shall pay to the said Master Wardens and Comunalty to and for the use of the said Company for his admittance into the Livery or Cloathing the summe of five pounds of lawfull money of England And every one wch shall be so called elected and chosen to be of the said Livery or Cloathing who before that tyme hath served but one yeare in the said place of Warden of the Yeomanry or fyned for ye same shall pay for his admittance into the said Livery or Cloathing to the said Master Wardens & Comunalty for the use of the same Company the some of tenn pounds of lawfull money of England And every person which shall be so called elected and chosen to be of the said Livery or cloathing and not having before that tyme served the said place of Warden of the Yeomanry

nor ever paid any fyne for the same shall pay unto the said Master Wardens and Comunalty of the said Company for the time being for his admittance in the said Livery or Cloathing the summe of twenty poundes of lawfull money of England to and for the use and better supportacon of the said Company or fellowshipp And if any person or persons of the said Company or fellowshipp so called elected and chosen to be of the said Livery or Cloathing in maner and forme aforesaid refuse and deny to take upon him or them the said place and to pay his or their fyne or fynes for his or their admittance Hee or they shall forfeit and pay for a fyne for every tyme so refusing unto the said Master Wardens & Coialty to and for the use of the said Company the sume of twenty pounds of lawfull money of England And further that every one that shall be so chosen and admitted into the said Livery or Cloathing shall pay at his admission to the Clerke of the said Company for the tyme being two Shillings, and to the Bedell of the Livery of the said Company two Shillings.

15. Item it is further ordeyned ordered & established that every person being of the Livery of the said Company or fellowshipp of the said Art or Mistery of Cloathworkers shall attend from tyme to tyme att the severall dayes of Election of the Master & Wardens from the houre of eight of

the Clocke in the morning of the said dayes yearly untill the election of the aforesaid Master and Wardens be as aforesaid finished and presently after the aforesaid eleccon or eleccons as well the Master and Wardens as also all the rest of the Livery or Cloathing by two and two shall orderly and decently goe in their best Livery from their said Hall unto Saint Dunstons Church in the East or such other place or parish Church as shall be by them in that behalf appointed to heare divine service or some Godly Sermon or both and shall in like decent order retourne from thence unto their Common Hall backe againe to doe and exercise such other necessary busines as to them shall seeme meet and so to dynner or drinking there and not to depart thence without licence of the Master and Wardens untill dynner or drincking be ended the same day And if any of the said person or persons being of the Livery as aforesaid doe not come attend or waite in maner and forme above rehearsed but make default thereof (except it be by occasion of sicknes or some other lawfull ympediment to be adjudged reasonable by the the Master Wardens and Assistants of the said Company or fellowshipp of Cloathworkers or the more part of them for the tyme being That then every such person or persons so offending or making default shall forfeite and pay for every such offence the summe of tenn shillings of lawfull money of England.

16. **Item** it is ordeyned and established That every person being of the said Livery of the said Company or fellowshipp of Cloathworkers att all tymes hereafter when as often as any of the said Livery or their wives shall decease within the said Citty of London or Suburbes of the same shall make his and their repayre to goe to & with the said Master Wardens & Assistants or some of them in their Liveryes to and for the bringing of the said Corpes to the Grave whensoever he or they shall be thereunto warned or required unles he or they so warned or required shall have some lawfull excuse or have obteyned leave of the said Mr and Wardens or some or some of them for the tyme being And if the person so deceased were ever Mr or Warden of the said Company of Cloathworkers that then the Mr and Wardens shall and may appoint & assigne foure persons of the said Cloathing or Livery to goe by the dead Corps to the Church where it shall be buried so that the person so dyeing dye not of the plague or pestilence And whatsoever he be of the said Livery or Cloathing that shall offend contrary to the tenor of this ordinance he shall forfeit and pay for every such offence three shillings foure pence of lawfull money of England.

17. **Item** it is ordeyned that every person of the said Livery or Cloathing shall keep two Liveryes or gownes alwayes together vizt his

best Livery and his second and one good or faire hood to be worne by him worpp of the said Citty of London and the honesty and creditt of the said Company or fellowshipp of Cloathworkers and whatsoever person or persons of the said Livery or Cloathing that shall doe the contrary shall forfeit & pay for every default the summe of twenty shillings of lawfull English money.

18. Item it is ordeyned ordered and established That from henceforth the Mr Wardens & Assistants of the said Company or fellowshipp or the more part of them for the tyme being shall and may from tyme to tyme at their wills and pleasure as often and when occasion shall require noiate and appoint one two or more honest and substanciall person or persons of the Livery and Cloathing of the said Company or fellowshipp to be Steward or Stewards to make ordaine and provide for the Mr Wardens Assistants & Livery of the said Company or fellowshipp a convenient Dynner at their Common Hall either on the day that the Lord Maior of the Citty of London doth or shall take his Oath at Westmr on the fift day of Novembr being a day appointed by act of parliament for a publique thancksgiving to be solempnized for the miraculous deliverance of the Kinges Matie and the whole state of this realme from the Gunpowder treason or upon the day of the solempnizacon of the Kings Mats inaugura-

tion to the Crowne of this realme or upon any other day or at any other tyme as he or they the said Steward or Stewards shall be thereunto assigned or appoynted by the said Master Wardens & Assistants or the more part of them for the tyme being according to the ancient use and custome, and in such maner and forme as heretofore hath bene used and accustomed in and by the said Company or fellowshipp of the said Art or Mistery of Cloathworkers And the said Master Wardens and Assistants shall yearly and from tyme to tyme appoint such person or persons as have not att any tyme then before borne or executed the said office of Stewardshipp or fyned for the same untill it hath gone through the whole Livery and then to begin orderly againe in their course & ancienty And whosoever of the said Livery doth or shall att any tyme deny or refuse the undertaking and execution of the said Office of Stewardshipp being thereunto nominated & appointed in forme aforesaid shall forfeit and pay to the said Master Wardens and Communalty for the use of the said Company for every tyme so refusing and denyeing the summe of twenty and five poundes of lawfull money of England And it is further ordered that the said Steward or Stewards shall be allowed towards his or their charge of every such dynner the summe of fifty Shillings to be paid him or them by the Master and Wardens of the said Company for the tyme being

of the Stock of the said Company or more or lesse as shall be thought good and fitting by the said Mr Wardens and Assistants or the more part of them for the tyme being.

19. Item it is ordeyned and ordered that the Mr Wardens & Assistants of the said Company or fellowshipp or the more part of them then present shall or may from henceforth every yeare yearly upon the Monday next after Michas day or within twenty dayes before or within twenty dayes after at their willes and pleasures appoint nominate elect and choose out of the yeomanry of ye said Company foure honest discreet substanciall & able persons to be Wardens of the said yeomanry of the same Company for the yeare ensueing for the better regiment rule and goverment of the said yeomanry and Journeymen of the said Art or Mistery such as to the said Master & Wardens or to the more part of them and to twelve of the Assistants at the least shall be thought meet and convenient And if any of the said foure Wardens of the yeomanry shall happen to dye before the end of his yeare That then wthin convenient tyme after such death the Master Wardens and Assistants of the said Company or fellowshipp of the said Art or Mistery of Cloathworkers or the more part of them then prsent shall appoint noiate elect & choose some other discreet & substanciall persons out of the

said yeomanry to supply the said roome or roomes place or places of him or them soe deceasing or departing within the said yeare And that every person of the said Art or Mistery of Cloathworkers that hereafter shall be chosen Warden of the said yeomanry in maner & forme above rehearsed wch shall refuse to take the same office upon him shall forfeit and pay for every tyme so refusing if none of the Company be that yeare Lord Maior of the said Citty of London ye summe of tenne pounds And for every such offence at such tyme as one of the said Company or fellowshipp shall be Lord Maior in that yeare the sume of Twenty pounds of lawfull English Money And it is further ordeyned ordeyned and established by this present ordinance that the Wardens chosen from tyme to tyme to be Wardens of the Yeomanry shall not in anywise beare the name or names of the Wardens of the Company or fellowship of the said Art or Mistery of Cloathworkers or to be accounted reputed taken or ordeyned to be the Wardens to rule and Governe the Company or fellowshipp of the said Art or Mistery of Cloathworkers But only to be accounted reputed and taken to be Wardens for the better goverment of the Yeomanry and Journeymen in such case as hath bene heretofore used and accustomed.

20. Item it is ordeyned ordered and established that as often and when as it shall happen

that any person of the said Company or fellowshipp of Cloathwork^{rs} shall be elected & chosen Lord Maior of the Citty of London That then and so often such a convenient number of the members of the said Company or fellowship as shall not be of the Livery or cloathing of the same shall by the Master Wardens and Assistants of the said Company for the tyme being or the more part of them and the Wardens of the yeomanry of the said Company for the tyme being or any three of them be named & appoynted to be Batchellors of the said Company or fellowshipp to serve in foynes and budge on the day such Lord maior is to take his oath att Westm^{r} And that every person so named and appoynted to serve as Batchell^{r} in foynes and budge shall contribute and pay towards the charge of the Triumph of the said Lord Maior such reasonable sume and summes of money as the Mr Wardens & Assistants with the said Wardens of the yeomanry for the tyme being or the more part of them shall rate and assesse And that every such Batchellor in foynes and budge to be named & appointed as afores^{d} shall give his personall attendance and do such service upon the day of the said Triumph and att other dayes usuall for their attendance in their said habite of foynes and budge in such comely & decent maner as shall be appoynted them by the Master & Wardens of the said Company for the time being And every such

person so named and appoynted to be Batchelor as aforesaid y^t shall make default in performance of any part of this ordinance shall forfeite and pay to the Master Wardens and Communalty to the use of the said Company the severall summes and fynes hereafter menconed that is to say every Batchellor appointed to serve in foynes tenn pounds and every Batchelor appointed to serve in Budge five pounds unles he or they have such a lawfull and reasonable excuse to the contrary as shall be approved and allowed by the said Master Wardens and Assistants of the said Company for the tyme being or the more part of them And it is likewise ordeyned ordered and established that the Master Wardens and Assistants of the said Company for the tyme being or the more part of them with the said Wardens of the yeomanry for the tyme being or any three of them shall have power to taxe and assesse all such other members of the said Company or fellowship (not being then of the Cloathing or Livery of the same nor then appointed to be a Batchelor as aforesaid) as they shall think fitt to give and pay to the said Wardens of the Yeomanry towards the charge of the said Lord Maiors triumph such reasonable summe and summes of money as they in their discretions shall thincke good so that the said summe so to be assessed upon any one person exceed not the sume of six pounds thirteen shillings foure pence and every one of the persons so to be taxed

and assessed which shall refuse deny or delay upon reasonable request to pay the same sume or summes of money at which he or they shall be so taxed or assessed as aforesaid shall forfeit and pay to the said Master and Wardens to the use of the said Company the summe of tenne pounds of lawfull money of England.

21. Item it is ordeyned that the Master Wardens & Assistants or the more part of them for the tyme being shall or may from tyme to tyme when and as it shall seem expedient and necessary make choice & eleccon of one honest discreet and sufficient Clerke for the entring and registring of all Decrees ordinances Acts Agreements conclusions orders and things made or to be made in their assemblies of the said Company or fellowshipp of the said Art or Mistery of Cloathworkers And to doe and performe all other things wch shall be requisite necessary or apperteyning to the same Office for and concerning the said Company or fellowshipp And also the said Master Wardens & Assistants or the more part of them for the tyme being shall & may by their discretions upon just occasion of offence from tyme to tyme displace & discharge any such Clerke from his said Office and thereunto chuse and appoint one other for the supplyeing and excercising of the said Office and roome.

22. Item it is ordeyned that the said Master Wardens and Assistants of the said Company or fellowshipp of the said Art or Mistery of Cloathworkers or the more part of them for the tyme being shall or may from tyme to tyme att their Common Hall when and as often as it shall seeme unto them meet and expedient electe and choose two persons of good and honest behaviour meet men for that service out of the said Company or fellowshipp of the said Art or Mistery of Cloathworkers to be their Beadles one for the Livery the other for the Yeomanry who shall att all times be attendant upon the said Master and Wardens and att the lawfull Commaundement & Commaundements of any of them and deligent also to summon and warne all and every person and persons of the Company or fellowshipp of the said Art or Mistery of Cloathworkers for and concerning the affaires and busines of the said Company or fellowshipp of the said Art or Mistery of Cloathworkers and to make report unto them of their answeres in that behalf And also ye said Mr Wardens and Assistants or the more part of them for the tyme being shall and may by their discretions upon just occasion of offence from tyme to tyme displace or discharge any such Bedle or Bedles from his said Office and thereupon choose and appoint one other for the supplyeing and exercising of his or their said roome or office.

23. Item it is ordeyned and established that if the said Mr Wardens and twelve Assistants at the least or the more part of them now or att any tyme hereafter for the tyme being shall perceive and understand any of the said Master Wardens and Assistants that now are or at any tyme hereafter shall be or any other officer hereafter constituted ordeyned or appointed in these prnte ordinances or any of the Livery to be a notorious vicious liver or to have any notorious fault whereby he or they shall be judged or deemed to be unmeet to continue out his or their tyme to supply any his or their said Offices or places before or hereafter menconed and shall thereupon determinatlie conclude and agree that he or they shall be removed from the same his or their Office or offices place or places That then the said Mr Wardens & Assistants or the more part of them for the tyme shall and may att all tymes hereafter deprive remove and putt out any such Master Wardens & Assistants or other Officers or any of the Livery as aforesaid that shall so by them be determinately deemed and judged to be a vicious liver or notorious faulty person from his said Office or Offices roome or roomes and to expell and seclude him or them utterly from the same unles upon his or their reformation they shall thincke good to elect or choose him or them into the same place or roome againe.

24. Item it is ordeyned ordered established and concluded That from tyme to tyme and at all tymes hereafter as often as need shall require there shall or may be an Assemblie and a Court holden of and by the said Master Wardens and Assistants of the said Company or fellowshipp of the freemen of the said Art or Mistery of Cloathworkers or the more part of them att their Common Hall for the tyme being as well for the wellordering of the said Company or Fellowshipp of the said Art or Mistery of Cloathworkers as all other affaires or busines whatsoever At which tyme the said Master Wardens & Assistants or as many of them as conveniently may shall there assemble themselves And it is also ordered and ordeyned that especially foure tymes in ye yeare That is to say that within foureteene dayes after every of the feasts of Michaelmas Christmas Easter and Midsomer without some reasonable cause to the contrary there shall be holden by the Master Wardens and Assistants of the said Company or fellowship of the said Art or Mistery of Cloathworkers or the more part of them for the tyme being foure Courtes or generall assemblies commonly called the foure Quarterdayes of Assemblies unto the which shall be summoned the whole Company or Fellowshipp of the said Art or Mistery of Cloathworkers and all other psons whatsoever being free of the same Company or fellowshipp dwelling or resiant within the

said Citty of London or Suburbes of the same or wthin such Circuite or other places as by the lawes of the Realme the said Company are priviledged or authorized At which Courts or Assemblies then and there so holden These Ordinances or so many of them as shall be thought meet and necessary by the Mr Wardens and Assistants then present or the more part of them shall be then and their distinctly and openly read unto them there assembled to the intent they may the better remember to observe and keep the same And whosoever being warned shall make default in appearance at any time of the said Courts or quarterdayes having noe just nor lawfull excuse in that behalf shall forfeit and paie for every such offence these severall sumes of money following Videlt the M^{r} and Wardens and each of them so offending six shillings eight pence every Assistant so offending three shillings foure pence every one of the Livery so offending not being Master or Warden two shillings everie householder so offending not being Master Warden Assistaant or of the Livery twelve pence And every Journeyma$^{\overline{n}}$ soe offending foure pence of lawfull money of England.

25. Item it is ordeyned and established That as well every person or persons being of the said Company or fellowship of Cloathworkers of w^{t} Art or Mistery soever he or they shall be As also

all and every other person and persons being freemen of the same Company inhabiting or dwelling within the said Citty of London or the suburbes of the same Southwarke or within such circuite or other places as by the lawes of the Realme the said Company are priviledged or authorized That at any tyme or tymes hereafter doth or shall exercise or use anie thing thereunto appteyning or in any wise belonging unto the said Art or Mistery of Cloathworkers wch shall be admitted an housholder shall pay to the Master and Wardens for the tyme being to the common utility benefitt and mayntenance of the said Company or Fellowshipp of Cloathworkers every quarter of the yeare for his quarteridge six pence of lawfull English money in such like maner as hath heretofore bene used and accustomed And that as well every Journeyman being of the said Art or Mistery of Cloathworkers as also every Journeyman English or Stranger Denizen whatsoever at any tyme here-hereafter using exercising or working in the said Art or Mystery within the said Citty of London or suburbes of the same Southwarke or within such circuite or other places as by the lawes of the Realme the said Company are privileged or authorized shall pay for his or their quarteridge two pence of like lawfull money every quarter of the yeare to the Master and Wardens of the same Company or fellowshipp of Cloathworkers for the tyme being to and for the common use

and benefitt of the said Company or fellowshipp of Cloathworkers And further also that every person aforesaid shall bring or send unto the Common Hall of the said Company or fellowshipp of the Cloathworkers at the quarter day appointed for the meeting of the said Company or fellowshipp of the Cloathworkers all y^t^ and such porcon of money as he is or ought to pay for quarteridge by reason of this Ordinance aforemenconed And shall then and there make payment to the said Master and Wardens thereof accordingly And whosoevr shall upon reasonable demaund willfully refuse or deny or fayle to make payment thereof shall forfeit and pay for every such refusing or denyall or fayling so to be made the summe of twelve pence of lawfull English money.

26. Item it is ordeyned that every person or persons of the said Company or fellowshipp of Cloathworkers and every other person or persons using or occupying the said Art or Mistery of Cloathworkers and being free thereof inhabiting within the said Citty of London and Suburbes of the same or within such circuite or other places as by the Lawes of the Realme the said Company are privileged or authorized shall upon reasonable warning given by the Beadle of the said Company or fellowshipp come to everie assembly and meeting att such day houre and tyme as shall be appointed for any affaires or busines to be done

concerning the said Company or fellowpp of Cloathworkers Upon payne that every Assistant of the said Company or fellowshipp so fayling or missing shall for every such offence forfeit and pay twelve pence of lawfull English money and every other person or persons of the said Company or fellowshipp not being Master Warden or Assistant for every such like offence eight pence without a lawfull excuse.

27. Item it is ordeyned and established that if the said Master and Wardens of the said Company or fellowshipp of Cloathworkers for the tyme being doe not call warne or require some of the said Assistants or Livery or other of the said Company once every quarter of a yeare att the least to goe to search with them or some of them for the better oversight goverment and mayntenance of good workmanshipp within the said Company That then everie of the said persons in whome any default shall be therein found in the executing of his said Office shall for every quartr so missing forfeit and pay the sume of twenty shillings of lawfull money of England for his and their negligence therein used or made.

28. Item it is ordered ordeyned and established That the said Mr and Wardens of the said Company or Fellowshipp of the said Art or Mistery of Cloathworkers with such others of the

said Company or fellowshipp as shall be appointed by the Master and Wardens or the more part of them for the tyme being shall once everie quarter in the yeare at the least and oftner as it shall seeme good unto them enter into the Houses Chambers Shopps Sollers Sellars Workhouses Boothes or any other place or places wtsoever of everie person and persons as well being free of the said Company or fellowshipp of Cloathworkers as of any others occupying or excercising working or selling anie thing or thinges appteyning to the said Art or Mistery of Cloathworkers as well within the said Citty of London as ye Suburbs of the same and within such circuit and other places as by the Lawes of ye Realme the said Company are priviledged or authorized and as well in places priviledged and excempt as not priviledged and exempt and as well within the Fayres and Marketts within the said Citty and Suburbes of the same and within such Circuit and other places as by the lawes of the Realme the said Company are priviledged or authorized and there to viewe and search all maner of persons whatsoever using the said Art or Misterie of Cloathworkers as well shearing with the broad sheare upon woollen cloathes Bayes and fustians as roweing Woollen Cloathes att the pearch and also in Cottoning and working any kind of Cloath whatsoever to oversee that they doe their worke well lawfullie surely and workmanlike for the

comon wealth and profitt of the Kinges Ma^{ts} subjects) and that they use noe maner of sleights nor undue worke in the same And if any maner of faults or sleights be done and found in the said search either in Woollen Cloath fustian Kerseies Bayes Cottons or in any other thing apperteyning to the Art or Misterie of Cloathworkers Then all the said Cloathes fustians Kerseies Bayes Cottons and all other thinges as aforesaid shall and may be taken carried and borne away to their Common Hall there thoroughly to be searched and viewed by the said Master Wardens and Assistants or the more part of them for the tyme being or some other honest or sufficient workman or workmen of the said Art or Misterie as by them shall be thereunto appoynted to judge thereof indifferently And for such faults sleights and deceipts as shall be so found the doers and offenders therein shall forfeit and pay to the M^{r} & Wardens for the tyme being such sumes of money for a fyne according to the qualitie & quantity of their offence as shall be assessed or sett downe by the said Mr Wardens and Assistants or the more part of them for the tyme being so it exceed not for any one fault the summe of twenty shillings of lawfull English money To the intent that good and lawfull workmanshipp may be continued for the Common profitt of the Kinges Ma^{ts} subjects.

29. Item it is ordeyned that if any person or persons using or occupying the said Art or Misterie of Cloathworkers or anie thing apperteyning to the said Art or Misterie shall at anie time or times hereafter wilfully deny and refuse to suffer the said Master Wardens and Assistants or any of them to enter into their house or houses booth or boothes shopp or shoppes cellars or warehouses to make search as aforesaid or shall wilfully resist them or any of the Kinges Ma^{ts} Officers brought by them to doe or execute their Office in that behalf That then everie such person or persons so refusing or resisting shall forfeit and pay such reasonable summe or summes of money as by the discretion of the said Mr Wardens and Assistants of the said Company or fellowshipp of Cloathworkers for the time being or the more part of them shall be thought meet and convenient so it exceed not the sume of three pounds six shillings eight pence.

30. Item it is ordeyned ordered & established That from henceforth as well all maner of persons of the said Art or Mistery of Cloathworkers as any other using the same shall occupie true workmanshipp as well in rowing as shearing and Cottoning of all maner of woollen Cloathes Bayes Cottons & fustians for the Common wealth of the Kinges Ma^{ts} subjects & wearers of the

same and for the honor of the Realme and for the honesty and creditt of the Company and fellowshipp of the said Art or Mistery of Cloathworkers Upon payne that everie person or persons doeing the contrary shall forfeit & pay the Mast^r and Wardens of the said Company or Fellowshipp the sume of six shillinges eight pence of lawfull English money for every such offence to be imployed and bestowed to the use benefitt and mayntenance of the said Company or Fellowshipp of Cloathworkers And that noe person or persons of what art Mistery or Craft soever he be occupieing or rowing att the pearch any maner of wollen cloathes Kerseyes Frisaddowes pennystones bayes Cottons or anie maner of Woollen cloathes shall rowe with any other stuffe but only with Tesells and not with Iron Card or Cards ould or new in anywise upon paine that everie person so offending shall forfeite and pay to the Mast^r & Wardens of the said Companie of Cloathworkers for the tyme being for every Card or paire of Cards so occupied contrary to the tenor of this Ordinance the sume of ten shillings of lawfull English money to be ymployed & bestowed to the use benefitt and Commodity of the said Company or fellowshipp of Cloathworkers And it is also further ordeyned by vertue of this present Ordinance That noe person or persons that sheareth with the broad sheare shall either muster cancell or solas anie

maner of Woollen Cloathes or fustians but only that they may be trulie and workmanlie wrought and shorne with the broad sheare from the one end to the other without any fraud or deceipt and every peice of fustian to be marked with the workers marke when it is well shorne & every woollen cloath Kersey pennyston bayes Cottons and other Cloath whatsoever to be marked with the workmans marke when it is shorne to the intent it may appeare whose doeings it is if any fault should be found therein upon payne that every person doeing the contrary shall forfeit and pay for everie whole peice of fustian so found faulty six shillings eight pence of lawfull English money for every half peice of fustian so likewise found faulty three shillings and foure pence of like lawfull English money and for every Cloath Kersey bayes Cotton and other Cloath whatsoever six shillings eight pence of good and lawfull money of England.

31. Item it is ordered ordeyned and established that noe person or persons infranchised in the said Art or Mistery of Cloathworkers or in any other mistery or Art within the Citty of London occupieing dressing shearing or dyeing buying selling or retayling any fustians within ye said Citty of London the suburbes of the same or Southwarke or within such circuite and other places as by the lawes of the Realme the said

Company are priviledged and authorized shall from henceforth dye or kallender or cause to be dyed or kallendred either in his own house or any dyers house anie fustian rough or in anie sort before the same fustian and fustians be truly and workmanly wrought and cleane shorne with the broad sheare from ye one end to the other And that then they shall be truly dyed and of good and lasting colours for the comon wealth of the Kings leige people upon payne that every person or persons doeing the contrary as aforesaid shall forfeite & paie for everie such whole peice of fustian six shillings eight pence & for every such half peice three shillings and foure pence of lawfull English money And it is further ordered by these pnts That if any person or persons keeping either Dye house or Callendring house within the said Citty of London the suburbs of the same and within such Circuit and other places as by the Lawes of the Realme the said Company are priviledged or authorized at any tyme or tymes hereafter doe deny and resist the said Master & Wardens of the said Company or fellow^pp^ of Cloathworkers for the tyme being or any of them or their sufficient deputy or deputies in that behalf to be appoynted to search within their houses warehouses or other places for anie such defaults That then every person or persons so offending shall forfeit and pay to the M^r^ and Wardens of the said Company for the tyme being

to and for the use of the same Company the sume o f five markes of lawfull English money for everie such offence.

32. Item it is ordeyned That if at any tyme or tymes hereafter any pson or persons of the said Company or fellowshipp of Cloathworkers being household[rs] which before tyme hath bene well ac-c ompted of and shall likewise continue to be of good n ame and fame and dulie and truly to his power hath b orne and paid his quarterages duties and other charges to the said Company or fellowship of the said Art or Misterie of Cloathworkers shall fall into poverty or necessity That then he shall be refresh ed weekly monthly or quarterly towards his or th eir needy sustentacon and living out of the Comon box & almes belonging to the said Company or Fellowshipp by the discretion of the Mast[r] Wardens and Assistants or the more part of them for the tyme being and if the said person or persons dye in poverty then he or they shall decently honestly and Christianly be buried at the Costs and charges of the said Company or Fellowshipp.

33. Item it is ordeyned that noe maner of person or persons being once made allowed ordeyned or admitted to be free of the said Company or fellowshipp of Cloathworkers of what trade faculty or mistery soever he or they be shall at any time hereafter procure himself to be made free of any

other fellowshipp or Companie within the said Citty of London or suburbes of the same or elswhere without the full consent of the said Mast^r Wardens & Assistants for the tyme being or the more part of them upon paine that everie person so offending shall forfeit and pay to the said M^r and Wardens to the use of the said Company or fellowshipp for the time being such reasonable fyne or some of money as shall be taxed rated or assessed by the discretion of the said Mr Wardens and Assistants or the more part of them for the tyme being having good regard of and to the ability of the said person or persons so offending so as the sume so rated taxed or assessed do not exceed the sume of One hundred markes.

34. Item it is ordeyned and ordered that everie person or persons which shall at any time hereafter be admitted and receyved to the said Companie or fellowshipp of Cloathworkers either by Composition redemption or service or by any other wayes or meanes whatsoever shall at the tyme of his or their admission take a corporall Oath upon the Holy Evangelist before the M^r and Wardens of the said Company or fellowshipp or some of them for the time being in their Common Hall in such maner and forme as by the Oath hereafter appointed for that purpose is expressed And if anie such person shall refuse to

take his Oath in forme aforesaid then he or they so refusing shall be rejected expulsed and put off from being of the said Company or fellowship and shall noe more be suffered to occupie the Art or Misterie or any thing thereunto apperteyning within the said Citty of London and Suburbs of the same or within such circuit or any other place or places as by the lawes of the Realme the said Company are privileged or authorized to rule and governe but shall be reputed deemed and taken as a meere stranger or forrayner.

35. Item it is ordered ordeyned and established That from henceforth it may be lawfull to the Mr Wardens & Assistants of the said Company or fellowshipp or the more part of them for the time being without the consent or assent of any other of the said fellowshipp to receive & take from tyme to tyme and at all tymes hereafter into their Company or fellowshipp by way of compositions and redempcon such person or persons as to them shall seeme meet and convenient to be a brother or freeman of the said Company or fellowshipp of the said Art or Misterie of Cloathworkers & for such reasonable sume & sumes of money as by the discretions of the said Mr Wardens and Assistants of the said Company or fellowshipp or the more part of them shall be thought meet and convenient.

36. Item it is ordeyned and established that noe housholder of the said Company or fellowshipp of the said Art or Mistery of Cloathworkers shall or may give to any apprentice immediately after the expiration of the tearme of his indenture any maner of wages untill the said apprentice be by his Mast^r that he was apprentice withall first presented att the Common Hall of the said Company or fellowshipp before the Mast^r and Wardens And it is further ordered that every apprentice of every handicraftsman soe presented shall be then appointed by the Mast^r or Wardens or some of them to some honest & good workeman of that art wherein the apprentice hath bene brought upp to be assayed by the space of three dayes att the least whether he be a good workman and can his occupacon sufficiently well and perfectly or noe and if he be found a sufficient workman then to be admitted to worke by Journeyworke or to take wages according to the custome and maner of the said Art or Mistery But if he shall not be found a sufficient workeman Then the Master and Wardens shall appoint him to worke with some other sufficient workeman of the said Company or fellowshipp by yeare or by weeke untill he can sufficiently and pfectly his occcupacon and shall also assigne him what wages he shall take And y^t Master that doth not present his apprentice after this maner or any housholdr that will presume to sett any apprentice on

worke contrary to this Ordinance shall forfeyt & paie to the said Master and Wardens to and for the use of the said Company the sume of twenty shillings of lawfull English money for every such offence.

37. Item it is ordered ordeyned and established that noe person or persons of the said Company or fellowshipp of Cloathworkers from henceforth shall p^r^sume to take upon him to present any of his apprentices before the Chamb^r^laine of London or his Deputie to be made a freeman of the said Citty and of the said Company of Cloathworkers after the expiration of his terme of apprentishood before he first present the said apprentice before the Mast^r^ and Wardens of the said Company or fellowshipp of Cloathworkers at their Common Hall there to be examined of his service and continuance in the same and by those in the handicraft of the same Company or fellowshipp of Cloathworkers likewise of his workman^pp^ and and also whether he have dulie served and continued for his whole tyme as an apprentice according to the use and custome of the said Company and also being of the handicraft whether he be a sufficient workeman or noe The party being found sufficient and allowed shall then and there be sworne before the said M^r^ and Wardens in their Common Hall according to the Oath in that case provided And then and there to lay downe and

pay for his admission or allowance to the use of the said Company or fellowshipp of Cloathworkers the sume of two shillings and six pence And after that his said Mr with the said Mr and Wardens or one of them shall present the said apprentice before the said Chamberlaine or his deputy for ye tyme being and thereupon shall cause him to be admitted into the franchise of the said Citty and into the said Company or fellowshipp of Cloathworkers or els not nor otherwise to be presented upon paine that every Mastr of every such appntice doeing the contrary shall forfeite and pay to the Mastr and Wardens of the said Company or fellowshipp of Cloathworkers the sume of five pounds or lawfull money to be bestowed and ymployed to the profitt and comon utility of the said Company or fellowshipp of Cloathworkers.

38. **Item** it is ordeyned ordered and established that noe person or psons being of the said fellowshipp of Cloathworkers using the handycraft att any tyme hereafter from henceforth shall in anywayes joyne together or jointly occupie as partners with a forrayner or with any person or persons free of any other Company whatsoever nor with any person or persons free of the said Company of Cloathworkers except the said person soe joyning in partnershipp with another of the said Company have before his entring into

partnershipp served with one of the said Company as Journeyman for the space of two yeares at the least and except the one of them soe joyning in partnershipp be of great yeares or have some other ympediment by meanes whereof he cannot oversee his worke as before he hath done or with a widdow of the said Art or Mistery of Cloathworkers to supplie her want in teaching overseeing & instructing of her servants and apprentics And that only to be by licence and with consent of the Mr Wardens and Assistants or the more part of them & not otherwise upon payne that every person so offending shall forfeyt for every tyme so offendinge the sume of tenn pounds of lawfull money of England to the Master Wardens and Comunalty aforesaid to the use of the said Company And it is further ordered that every person that shall be partners and soe allowed as aforesaid shall during the first five yeares of his partnershipp (if he continue so long a partner) have take retayne and keep but one apprentice onlie at one tyme upon paine that every one that doth the contrarie shall forfeite and pay to the Mr Wardens and Communalty of the said Company for the tyme being to and for the use of the same Company the sume of five poundes of like lawfull money of England.

39. Item it is ordered ordeyned and established that noe person or persons being an

housholder and of the Company or fellowshipp of the said Art or Mistery nor any other person or persons occupieing using or exercising the said Art or Mistery of Cloathworkers shall from henceforth sett to worke in his said Art or Mistery within the said Citty of London and the suburbes of the same a Journeyman being a forrayner or stranger if he may have a free Journeyman being a skillfull and competetent workman in that art or mistery to worke for reasonable wages Upon payne that everie person soe offending shall forfeit and pay for every such offence the summe of forty shillings of lawfull English money.

40. Item it is ordeyned that noe maner of person or persons whatsoev^r he or they be of the said Company or fellowshipp of Cloathworkers shall intice and allure away any manner of servant being Journeyman or apprentice from his or their Master or Mistris service before the end and terme of his or their service agreed upon be expired except the same man Journeyman or apprentice be lawfully discharged from his Master or Mistris service or have before warning to depart from the said service of him or her unto whome he was reteyned Upon payne that every person soe offending shall forfeit and pay for every such offence such sev^rall fynes or summes of money as by the discretion of the said Master Wardens and Assistants of the said Company or fellowshipp of

Cloathworkers for the tyme being or ye more part of them shall be thought meet and convenient soe it doe not exceed the summe of forty shillinges.

41. Item it is further ordered ordeyned and established that all maner of Journeymen of the said Art or Mistery of Cloathworkers and every of them from henceforth shall be of good rule and demeanor towardes the said Master Wardens and fellowshipp of the Art or Mistery of Cloathworkers and shall not make anie unlawfull assemblies brotherhoods congregacons or flockings together or use any unlawfull games or playes as dice Cards tables kayles or any other such like either within the said Citty of London or Franchises of the same or in any other place for eschewing of such inconveniences ryotts or troubles as in former tyme have risen come or growne of like inconvenience Upon payne that ev^ry Journeyman so offending shall forfeit and pay the summe of thirteene shillings & foure pence of lawfull English money for every such offence And in default of payment thereof that then noe person of the said Art or Mistery of Cloathworkers being warned thereof by anie of the Beadles of the same Company shall sett any such person on worke without Licence of the Master and Wardens of the said Company or fellowshipp of Cloathworkers upon paine to forfeit and pay the sume

of A lawfull English money for every such offence.

42. Item it is ordered that forasmuch as divers persons of other fellowshipps occupie shearing both of Woollen Cloathes and fustians and rowing att the pearch and are noe brethren of the said Art or Mistery of Cloathworkers and refuse to obey their Acts and Ordinances That from henceforth noe Journeyman of the said Art or Mistery of Cloathworkers shall worke with any man of any other fellowshipp as long as he may be sett on worke with a freeman or brother of the Art or Mistery of Cloathworkers upon paine to forfeit and pay monthlie for every such offence the sume of twenty shillinges of lawfull English money And it is further ordered by this present Ordinance that noe master or housholder of the said Art or Mistery of Cloathworkers having knowledge or understanding of such offence of any such servant or Journeyman shall set any such person soe offending on worke untill the person so offending hath paid his said fyne upon payne that every Master or housholder doeing the contrary shall forfeit and pay the summe of twenty shillinges of lawfull English money for every tyme soe offending.

43. Item it is ordered ordeyned and established That from henceforth every Journeyman

of the said Art or Misterie of Cloathworkers that shall be hyred with anie housholder of the said Art or Mystery of Cloathworkers by the yeare half yeare quarter month or week shall not depart from his Master or Mrs service to worke with any other upon any breach or falling out betweene them before the said breach be decyded by the said Master & Wardens of the said Art or Mistery of Cloathworkers or the more part of them neither without reasonable warning to be given according to the tyme of his hire Upon paine that everie Journeyman offending contrary to this ordinance shall forfeit and pay the sume of five shillinges of lawfull English money for every such offence.

44. Item it is further ordeyned ordered and established that every Journeyman being free of the said Company or fellowshipp of the said Art or Mistery of Cloathworkers resiant within the said Citty of London the Suburbes of the same in Southwarke or within such circuit or other places as by the lawes of the realme the said Company are priviledged or authorized shall from henceforth foure tymes in the yeare at such convenient tyme and tymes as the Wardens of the Yeomanry or the more part of them for the tyme being shall thincke meet and convenient upon their appointment by the sumons of their Beadle make their repaire to the Common Hall of the said Company or fellowshipp of the said

Art or Mistery of Cloathworkers then & there to heare read unto them the Ordinancs conteyned in this booke especially the Ordinances that shall appteyne unto or concerne the Journeymen or any of them of the said Company or fellowshipp of the said Art or Mistery of Cloathworkers And further to receive such order direccon & goverment as to ye Master and Wardens of the said Company or fellowshipp of the said Art or Misterie of Cloathworkers and the Wardens of the Yomanry of the same Company or any of them for the tyme being shall be thought meet and convenient and according to the Ordinances in this book conteyned specified & declared And the same every Journeyman according to his power shall obey pforme fullfill and keep upon paine that everie person and persons being Journeymen of the said Company or fellowshipp of the said Art or Mistery of Cloathworkers as aforesaid making such default of appearance shall forfeit and pay for everie time so offending six pence of lawfull English money to be ymployed and bestowed to the use benefitt and commodity of the Yeomanry of said Company or fellowshipp of the said Art or Mistery of Cloathworkers.

45. Item it is ordered ordeyned and established that if any person or persons of the said Company or fellowshipp of the said Art or Mistery of Clothworkers or any other person or per-

sons whatsoever using the Art or trade of a Cloathworker shall at any time or times hereafter directly or indirectly colour any forrayners goods or them receive or take into his house or into any other place by colour to sell the same as his owne proper goods to anie stranger or strangers the said person or persons soe offending shall forfeit and pay for everie such offence to the Mr and Wardens of the said Company for the tyme being to and for the use of the same Company the summe of tenne pounds of lawfull English money And it is further ordeyned by these prsents that if any person or persons of the said Company or Fellowship of Cloathworkers or any other pson or persons whatsoever using or exercising the said trade of Cloathworker shall at any time or times hereafter goe or ride into the Countrey with any marchant stranger to learne them to buy there any maner of woollen cloathes or kerseyes by meanes whereof great incomoditie might ensue to the said Company or fellowshipp of Cloathworkers and divers other English Marchants within the Realme every such person so offending shall forfeit and pay for every such offence to the said Master and Wardens to the use of the said Company the like some of ten pounds of lawfull English money.

46. Item it is ordered ordeyned and established that noe maner of person or persons of the said Company or fellowshipp of the said Art or

Mistery of Cloathworkers shall take into his warehouse or into anie other place or shall goe to Blackwell hall to buy anie maner of Cloathes either for a stranger or forrayn^r upon payne that every person or persons doeing the contrary shall forfeit and pay to the M^r and Wardens of the said Company for the tyme being to and for the use of the same Company for every Cloath so by him or them or anie of them bought the sume of five pounds of lawfull English money.

47. Item it is ordeyned that everie person and persons as well English as aliens Denizens or forrayn^rs dwelling within the said Citty of London and Suburbes of the same or within such circuit or other places as by the lawes of the Realme the said Company are lawfully priviledged or authorized and as well within places priviledged and exempt as not priviledged and exempt that doth or shall hereafter use or exercise the said Art or Mistery of Cloathwork^rs or anything apperteyning thereunto not being free of the said Company or fellow^pp of the said Art or Mistery of Cloathworkers shall be contributary beare and paie unto the said Mr Wardens and Assistants all such reasonable summe and summes of money for taxes tallages and other imposicons as well ordinary as extraordinary as shall be thought good and reasonable to be assessed upon him or them by the Mr Wardens and Assistants of the said Company or fellowshipp of the said Art or Mis-

tery of Cloathworkers or the more part of them for the time being as well for ye necessary service of our Soveraigne Lord the Kinges Matie his heires and successors as for all and everie other affaires causes and things whatsoev^r of and for the Comon State and weale of the said Citty in such maner and sort even as the freemen of ye same Company or fellowshipp of Cloathworkers and other Companyes of the said Citty from time to tyme are and shall be charged and according to their abilities And every one that shall wilfully refuse to paie and discharge the same porcon of money which shall be so reasonablie assessed taxed or rated upon him shall forfeite and paie to the Master and Wardens of the said Company of Cloathworkers for the tyme being to and for the use of the same Companie five pounds of lawfull money of England for everie such offence.

48. Item it is ordeyned that the Clerke appoynted or hereafter to be appointed for the said Companie or fellowshipp of Cloathworkers for the time being shall have the making of all the Indentures for all apprentices of any freemen or anie other person of the said Art or Mistery or any other person using or excercising the said Art or Misterie of Cloathworkers within the precincts aforesaid The same Indentures to be made and written in English And the same In-

dentures not to be made elsewhere or by any other person And for the making of everie paire of the same Indentures to be paid by the Master of every such Apprentice to the said Clerke three shillinges of lawfull English money and not above And if anie of the said persons shall make or cause to be made any Indentures elswhere or otherwise Then he or they to forfeite and paie to the Mr and Wardens of the said Company for the time being for the use of the said Company & fellowpp the summe of twentie shillinges of like lawfull money of England for everie such offence and the apprentice so bound not to be admitted into the freedom of the Company

49. Item it is ordeyned and established that from henceforth everie housholder or occupier of the said Art or Mistery of Cloathworkers wthin the said Citty or suburbes of the same or within such circuite or other places as by the lawes of the Realme the said Company are priviledged or authorized and all and every other freeman of the said Company that doth or shall att any time take receyve or reteyne any person or persons to be his appntice or apprentices upon likinge or otherwise shall wthin one month then next following binde the same apprentice by Indenture And the apprentice to be brought to the Common Hall before the Mr and Wardens or some of them for the time and there to enter and record the said ap-

prentice name and the tytle of the Indenture in a Lidgier Booke there and to pay for the p^r^senting for ev^r^y such apprentice two shillings and also within one month after shall p^r^sent and inroll or cause to be p^r^sented and inrolled the Indenture of the said apprentice or apprentices before the Chamberlaine of London or his Deputy according to the usage or Custome of the said Citty of London And likewise when the same Apprentice shall have served the full terme of yeares according to his said Indentures Then shall the Master of the said apprentice for the tyme being bring forth the said apprentice before the Master and Wardens of the said Company or some of them and then and there to declare and testifie that the said apprentice hath trulie and fully served all and every yeare conteyned in ye same Indenture upon paine that every person and persons so offending in any point contrary to the true meaning of this ordinance shall forfeit and pay the summe of twenty shillings of lawfull English money for every such offence.

50. Item it is ordeyned that noe Journeyman or any other person or persons of the said Art or Mistery of Cloathworkers except he be admitted or allowed for an housholder by the said Master Wardens and Assistants or the more part of them for the time being shall from henceforth take any appntice or apprentices either bound unto him or sett over unto him upon paine that every per-

son soe offending shall forfeit and pay to the Master and Wardens of the said Company for the time being to and for the use of the said Company the sum of forty shillinges of lawfull English money for every such offence.

51. Item it is ordeyned and established that from tyme to tyme att any tyme hereafter when any housholder of the said Company or fellowshipp of Cloathworkers shall fortune to decease having apprentice or apprntics and shall make his wife or any other of another Art Craft or Mistery his executor or executors that then it shall be lawfull to and for the Master and Wardens of the Company or fellowshipp of Cloathworkers for the tyme being or some of them to take all these apprentices and to bring them to their Common Hall and there by their discretions to sett the said apprentics over to some other men of the said Company to serve out their yeares yt they have to serve without any further trouble to ensue thereby Provided alwayes that if the wife of any partie as aforesaid deceased doe marry one of the said Company of Cloathworkers or doe keep herself widdow still and occupie the said Art or Mistery That then she shall and may retaine and keep still the same apprentice or apprentices to serve her or her husband in the same Art or Mysterie of Cloathworkers so alwayes as the said Widdow doe provide that the said appren-

tices and all other apprentices and servants which she shall retayne and keep may be sufficientlie taught their occupacon as may be well allowed of by the said Master and Wardens of the said Art or Mistery of Cloathworkers.

52. Item it is ordeyned that from henceforth noe household[r] of the said Art or Mistery of Cloathworkers shall take anie more Apprentics either to sheare with the broad sheare or to rowe att the pearch or to Cotton or to worke any other handyworke but onlie two at once except he doe keep from yeare to yeare one Journeyman and soe doeing he may keep three apprentices according to the statute or more in such order as the statute doth allow & permitt and not otherwise upon payne that every person soe offending shall forfeit and pay to the M[r] and Wardens of the said Company for the tyme being to and for the use of the same for every such offence the sume of twenty shillinges of lawfull English money.

53. Item it is ordered and constituted that from henceforth noe pson of the said Company or fellowshipp of the Cloathworkers being admitted an housholder and using the handicraft of the Art or Mistery of a Cloathworker shall within the space of two yeares next after his first setting upp of house entertaine or have in his service any more Apprentices then only one att one tyme

upon payne that every person so offending shall forfeit and pay the sume of forty shillinges of lawfull English money for every such offence.

54. Item it is ordeyned and established that it shall and may be lawfull for every one being Master Warden or Assistant of the said Company of Cloathworkers or that heretofore hath bene Mr Warden or Assistant of the said Company or fellowshipp and likewise for every one that hereafter shall be Master Warden or Assistant of the said Company or fellowpp of Cloathworkers and shall occupie the handicraft of Cloathworking to have and keep three Apprentices a piece at one tyme and not above upon payne that every one that doth or shall offend contrarie to the true meaning of this ordinance shall forfeit and pay for everie such offence the sume of forty shillings of lawfull money of England.

55. Item it is ordeyned that noe person or persons of the said Companie or fellowshipp of the said Art or Mistery of Cloathworkers shall from henceforth sett over anie person or persons being once bound to be his or their apprentice unto any other person not being of the said craft or misterie of Cloathworkers using anie other occupacon or handicraft then the said Art or Mistery of Cloathworkers without the consent and

Agreement of the said Mr Wardens and Assistants or the more part of them for the tyme being upon payne to forfeit and pay for every such offence such reasonable fyne or sume of money as by the discretion of the said Mastr & Wardens of the said Company or fellowshipp of Cloathworkers or the more part of them shall be thought meet and convenient soe it doe not exceed the sume of five pounds.

56. Item it is ordered that noe apprentice shall be sett over within his terme to any other Master except the same Apprentice and both the Masters doe and shall within one month after there Agreement in that behalf had come before the Master and Wardens or three of them att the least at their Common Hall and bring with them the Indentures of Apprenticeshipp to the end the same setting over may be recorded in the Common Hall upon paine of forfeiture of six shillings eight pence for every such offence.

57. Item it is ordered ordeyned and established that from henceforth when any Apprentice or Apprentices shall goe or run away or absent himself or themselves from his or their Master or Mistris service the Master or Mistris of every such apprentice soe gone or run away or absent shall att some Court to be holden within one month after such departure bring to the Com-

mon Hall of the said Company or fellowshipp of Cloathworkers the Indentures of every such apprentice so gone away To the intent that the day of his departure may be entred and registered upon the same Indenture And likewise that afterwards when any such apprentice shall come to be brought againe to his said Master or Mrs the same apprentice shall be by his said Mr or Mrs brought to the said Common Hall att some Court to be holden wthin one month after his said returne or coming againe before the Mr and Wardens for the tyme being att which time the cause of his departure may be examined the offence punished and further order taken for the residue of his service according to the discretions of the said Mr and Wardens for the tyme being so that noe abuse be had about his freedome hereafter Upon payne that every such Master or Mistris soe offending contrary to the tenor of this Ordinance shall for everie such offence forfeyt and pay the sume of twenty shillings of lawfull English money.

58. Item it is ordeyned ordered and established That noe houshold[r] of the said Art or Mister[ie] of Cloathworkers for his private commodity shall putt out or lend forth any of his Apprentices to worke with anie other person of the said Art or Mistery of Cloathworkers to the hindrance or taking away of the living of anie

such persons as be free journeymen of the said Art or Mistery of Cloathworkers Upon paine that every person so offending shall forfeit and pay to the Master and Wardens of the said Company for the tyme being to and for the use of the same the summe of twenty shillings of lawfull English money for every such offence.

59. Item it is ordeyned ordered and established That from henceforth noe housholder of the Art trade or Mistery of Cloathworkers using or excercising the Art trade or Mistery of a Cloathworker shall within ye Citty of London or liberty thereof beare anie burthen or carry any wares or marchandize from place to place for anie person w^tsoever or beare any bucke of Cloathes to be carried to and from the Thames or other places or to fetch water for anie other person nor shall lend anie of his or their apprentices or servants for any such or the like purposes to any person whatsoever for that there are divers porters waterbearers and others allowed by the custome and order of the Citty in respect of their poverty to releive themselves and to live thereby Upon paine that every housholder for ev^ry time soe offending shall forfeit and paie to the Mr Wardens and Comunalty of the said Company to and for the use of the same Company the summe of tenn shillings of lawfull English money.

60. Item it is ordeyned ordered and established that if any person or persons now being of the said Company or fellowshipp of Cloathworkers or that hereafter shall be admitted or allowed into the same Company or fellowshipp doe or shall refuse or denie to beare and pay his or their reasonable partes porcons contribucons taxacons and assessments of such duties and charges as shall be att any tyme hereafter assessed and rated by the Mast^r Wardens and Assistants of the said Company or Fellowshipp for the tyme being or the more part of them to be paid and levied for and towards anie necessary service of our soveraigne Lord the Kings Matie his heires & successors as also for the affaires busines and needfull occasion which shall concerne the common utilitie profitt or maintenance of the said Company or fellow^pp for the time being That then the person or persons so refusing for every such offence shall forfeite and pay such reasonable sume and summes of money as to the Master Wardens & Assistants or the more part of them shall be thought meet and convenient so it exceed not the sume of tenn pounds.

61. Item it is ordeyned established and decreed That if any person or persons of the said Company or fellowshipp of Cloathworkers or any other person or persons whatsoever using or excercising the Art trade or Mistery of a Cloathworker

doe worke or sett on worke or procure any other person or persons to worke on the Sabboth day comonly called Sunday Then he or they which shall so doe or cause or procure to be soe done shall for every time soe offending forfeit and pay to the Mr Wardens and Coialty of the said Companie or fellowshipp for the tyme being to and for the use and benefitt of the poore thereof the summe of tenn shillings of lawfull money of England.

62. Item forasmuch as there hath bene and and that there is att this tyme great disorder and abuse as well amongst the Apprentices and Journeymen of the said Art or Mistery of Cloathworkers in haunting and frequenting of Tavernes Alehouses and Playes and such like places of evill rule & disordr and in using of unlawfull games and plaies in the fields and in their Mastrs houses upon the Sundayes and holydayes for that there be very few that governe their servants as they ought to be governed the very root of many notable inconveniences in the Common wealth for reformacon whereof It is ordered ordeyned and established That from henceforth every housholdr of the said Art or Mistery of Cloathworkers shall have and use a diligent care and heed to see his Apprentices and Journeymen to goe to Church to heare divine service or to some other place where Gods word is and shall be

preached at due tymes of the day and also to spend the rest of the same Sundayes & Holydayes in some honest and lawfull exercises wth their Masters licence and not in haunting of Alehouses Tavernes Playes unlawfull games or such like Upo^n^ payne that every housholder soe offending contrary to this ordinance shall forfeit and pay for every such offence the summe of tenn shillings of lawfull English money and every Journeyman for every such offence two shillings And it is further ordered that every Apprentice offending contrary to this ordinance shall receive such convenient punishment as shall be thought meet by the good discretion of the Master and Wardens of the said Company or fellowshipp for the tyme being to the example of others in the like case offending.

63. Item it is ordeyned ordered and established That from henceforth if any discord strife or debate at any time hereafter shall fortune to happen for anie cause or matter whatsoever it be betwixt one houshold^r^ and another or housholders and others of the said Company or fellowshipp of Cloathworkers or between them or any of their Journeymen or Apprentices or betweene anie of the aforesaid psons or anie others of the said Art or Misterie of Cloathworkers wch without prejudice of or to the Lawes of the Realme may be appeased and reformed by good

meanes That then the said parties before they move or attempt by course of Law anie suite betweene them or one against the other in that behalf shall first shew their matter and cause of their grief with the circumstances of the same to the Mr & Wardens of the said Company of Cloathworkers for the tyme being or some of them To the intent that by their good discretions some quiett order and good end may be taken therein to the satisfaccon of such parties and by their assent according to the right and equitie in eschewing further trouble and suite of Law And if it shall seeme to ye said Mr and Wardens or the more pte of them that the matter is difficult and beyond their capacities to end and determine the same for lacke of better understanding of the Lawes of the Realme or the customes of the said Citty of London that then anie of the said parties so grieved as aforesaid may take their remedy one against the other by order of law wthout any further licence to be obtained and had att the hands of the said Mr and Wardens or any of them in that behalf But if the said Mr and Wardens or the more part of them for the tyme being shall end and determine any cause matter or thing between any of the said parties in forme aforesaid by assent of the parties and yet nevertheles the said person or persons having anie matter or cause ended before them will afterwards prosecute and follow suite in Law the one against

the other w^th^out license had and obteyned in that behalf soe to doe of the said M^r^ and Wardens for the tyme being or the more part of them Then the person soe offending shall forfeit and pay the sume of forty shillings of lawfull English money at the least or a greater sume such as shall be thought meet and reasonable by the said Mr Wardens and Assistants or the more part of them according to the greatnes of the matter or cause in controversie between them soe it exceed not the summe of tenn pounds.

64. **Item** it is ordeyned that if the said Mr Wardens and Assistants of the said Company or fellowshipp of Cloathworkers for the tyme being or any of them doe or shall at any time hereafter reveale declare or disclose to any person or persons any the lawfull conferences or consultacons of the said Company or fellowship of Cloathworkers tending to the blame hurt or p^r^judice of any other of the same Company or fellowshipp or to the prejudice or hinderance of the Comon Weale of the said Companie or fellowship That then he or they soe offending shall upon due proof thereof had or made for that cause to be removed and exempted out of and from his or their said Office or Offices and discharged out of the Livery of the said Company or fellowshipp of Cloathworkers and soe to remaine and continue as a person exempted untill

such time as he or they shall upon submission and reconciliation be taken againe.

65. Item it is further ordered and established that the Mr Wardens & Assistants of the said Company or the more part of them shall have full power and authority by these presents to nominate elect or chuse from tyme to tyme six five or foure persons of the said Company to assesse or tax the brethren of the said fellowshipp for any summe or summes of money to be levied gathered or had for the service of his Matie or for the worpp of the said Company or for any other matter or thing touching or concerning the necessity affayres or busines of the said Company and that the said Mr Wardens and Assistants shall have full power & authority to nominate and appoint Collectors for the levyeing receiving or gathering of the said summe or summes of money so taxed and assessed And that everie pson soe nominated elected and chosen shall take upon him and execute the same Upon payne of forfeyture of three pounds for every default without a lawfull and sufficient excuse such as shall be allowed of by the Mr Wardens and Assistants of the said Company or fellowshipp of Cloathworkers or the more part of them for the tyme being.

66. Item it is further decreed & established explayned and declared that where

mencon is made in these pnts of any Act matter or thing to be had made or done by the Mr Wardens and Assistants or the more part of them or by their assent consent or judgment that the same shall be understood that there shall be present in person thereat the Mr or his Deputy and the foure Wardens or two of them att the least and twelve of the Assistants att the least It is further ordered explayned and decreed that there the voyces assent or goverment or the more part of the persons aforesaid so being present shall be sufficient & available for anie matter or thing before or hereafter in these presents menconed or specified.

67. Item it is further ordered that the Mr Wardens and Assistants for the time being or the more part of them being present shall have full power and authoritie from tyme to tyme by their good discretions to mitigate diminish forgive or pardon any of the fyne or fynes penalty or penalties payments taxes or assessments in these presents menconed any thing or matter in these presents specified to the contrary notwithstanding.

68. Item it is ordeyned ordeyned and established That every person and persons of the said Company or fellowshipp and every other person or persons using or being free of the said Art or Mistery of Cloathworkers inhabiting or dwelling within the said Citty of London or Suburbes of

the same or within such circuite or other places as by the lawes of the Realme ye said Company are priviledged or authorized shall be of good and honest behaviour and bearing as well in their wordes as in their deeds towards the Master Wardens and Assistants of the said Company or fellowshipp of Cloathworkers and to be and shew themselves tractable conformable and obedient touching all and every their lawfull constitucons ordinances causes and matters touching the said Art or Mistery of Cloathworkers And if any person or persons of the said Company or fellowshipp of Cloathworkers or any other using or excercising the said Art or Mistery w^th^in the said Citty of London the suburbs of the same or within such circuite or other places as by the Lawes of the Realme the said Company are priviledged or authorized shall at any tyme hereafter be found wilfull obstinate or disobedient against the said Mr Wardens and Assistants or any of them to the lett hinderance or disturbance of the due execucon of any of their Offices or if any person or persons of the said Art or Misterie of Cloathworkers doe or shall take upon him or them to make any privy assembly councells or secret conventicles or attempt against the said Master Wardens and Assistants or any of them for the time being for or to the violacon or breach of any rule ordinance or order now being or hereafter to be by them all or the more part of them had made and devised for the good goverment

of the said Company or fellowshipp of Cloathworkers That then the said person or psons so offending shall forfeyt and paie such reasonable sume or sumes of money as shall be assessed upon him or them soe offending by the Mr Wardens and Assistants or the more part of them for the tyme being soe it exceed not the sume of five pounds.

69. Item it is ordered ordeyned & established that if any person or persons being of the said Company or fellowshipp of Cloathworkers as aforesaid or using the same Art or Mistery shall with any undecent foule or uncomly speeches reproove misuse threaten or slaunder the Mr Wardens and Assistants of the said Company or fellowshipp or any of them for the tyme being or shall in any wise unjustly or wrongfully practise or attempt any thing which may be slaunderous and hurtfull to the said Mastr Wardens and Assistants or any of them That then every such person and persons soe offending shall forfeit & pay for every such offence such sume and sumes of money as shall be assessed upon him or them soe offending by the said Mr Wardens and Assistants or the more part of them for the tyme being according to the qualitie of the offence soe it exceed not the sume of five pounds for every such offence And if any person or persons soe offending be not able to pay the said fyne of five pounds then he shall be punished by the discretion of the said Mr Wardens and Assistants.

70. Item it is likewise ordered That if any person or persons being of ye said Company or fellowshipp of Cloathworkers as aforesaid or occupieing or using the said Art or Mistery shall with any undecent foule or uncomely speeches reprove misuse or slaunder any inferiour person or persons of same Company or fellowshipp to the said Master Wardens or Assistants in the ordinance last afore recyted shall in any wise unjustly or wrongfully practise or attempt any thing which may be slaunderous or hurtfull to any of them that then every such person and persons soe offending shall forfeite and pay for every such offence such sume and sumes of money as shall be assessed upon him or them soe offending by the said Master Wardens and Assistants or the more part of them for the time being according to the quality of the same fault soe it exceed not the sume of forty shillings.

71. Item it is ordeyned ordered and established That if any person or persons being free of the said Company or fellowshipp aforesaid or wch shall use the same Art or Mistery shall strike or make any assault or affray or use any violence in fighting or quarrelling towards any of the same Company or fellowshipp and the same soe duly proved against him or them by ye testimony of one or two honest witnesses before the Mr Wardens and twelve of the Assistants at the least for the tyme being That then the same person or persons so

offending shall forfeit and pay such reasonable sume & sumes of money as shall be assessed upon him or them soe offending by the said Mr Wardens and Assistants or the more part of them for the tyme being soe as it exceed not the sume of twenty shillings for any one offence And if any person or persons soe offending be not able to pay the said fyne of twenty shillings then he shall be punished by the discretion of the Master Wardens and Assistants or the more part of them for the tyme being.

72. Item it is ordered ordeyned and decreed that if the Master and Wardens of the said Company or fellowshipp of Cloathworkers for the time being or any of them att anie tyme hereafter shall be found partiall careles remisse or negligent and not indifferent in executing the said Acts and Ordinances heretofore or hereafter expressed in this Booke of Ordinances Or els att any tyme hereafter for favour or affeccon towards any person or persons whatsoever shall forbeare to execute their office as they ought to doe soe that for meed favour or dread the good ordinances of the said Company or fellowshipp shall be violated dispensed wthall discontinued infringed or broken to the hinderance of the Common wealth & of the good and necessary governmt rule order and correccon of the said Company or fellowshipp of Cloathworkers according to the true intent of the ordinances heretofore or hereafter in this booke

of ordinances specified That then the Mast^{r} and every Warden that shall be found so defective and faulty in soe doeing upon a due proof thereof had before the rest of such Officers of Master and Wardens as shall not be found culpable therein and of twelve Assistants at the least of ye said Company or fellowshipp of the Cloathworkers shall forfeit and pay for every such offence such sume and sumes of money as shall be assessed and sett downe by the rest of the said Officers and twelve of the Assistants at the least aforesaid according to the quality of his or their offence or offences soe it exceed not the sume of tenne poundes of lawfull English money for every such offence.

73. Item it is ordered ordeyned & established That if any person or persons of the said Company or fellowshipp of the said Art or Mistery of Cloathworkers or any thing concerning the same of what degree of condicon he or they be dwelling or inhabiting within the said Citty of London the Suburbs of the same in Southwarke or within such circuit or other places as by the lawes of the realme the said Company are priviledged or authorized that doe or shall infringe breake or not observe any act or ordinance in these pnts expressed or shall or will att any tyme hereafter wilfully deny refuse delay or deferre to pay his quarterage and other duties or to paie such sume & sumes of money as shall happen att

any tyme hereafter to be orderly assessed or due to be paid for any payment penalty or forfeiture for the breaking & not observing of any of the aforesaid ordinances in these pnts lymitted & appoynted That then it shall be lawfull to the said Mr Wardens and Assistants of ye said Company or fellowshipp of Cloathworkers or any two of them for the tyme being to enter into the house or houses Chambers boothes shoppes warehouses Sollers Cellers or other place or places of him or them so denyeing refusing delaying or deferring to pay such paynes penalties forfeytures or summes of money so by him or them due and payable and there to distreyne for such summe or summes of money as shall be then soe due and payable & the same goods wares and utensills so distreyned to take beare and carry away and the same to deteyne and keep untill the sume & summes of money for the wch the same shall be distreyned be satisfied and paid to the use in these presente ordinances before menconed and expressed.

74. Item it is ordered and established that all the paynes penaltyes fynes and forfeitures to be due by force of any of these ordinances or lawes being not otherwise appointed shall be paid to the Master and Wardens of the said Company or fellowshipp of Cloathworkers of the Citty of London and shall be by them imployed and bestowed to the utilitie benefitt and mayntenance of

the said Company or fellowshipp of Cloathworkers.

75. Item it is further ordered That the Oathes to be taken by the Mr Wardens and Assistants aforesaid from tyme to tyme shall be as after followeth and may appeare videlt You and every of you shall be true to our Soveraigne Lord the Kings Matie and to his heires & lawfull successors Kings & Queenes of England & you and every of you shall endeavour yourselves to the best you can justlie & indifferently to execute and cause to be executed your Office in every respect to the benefitt of the Common Weale of the Kings Majesties subjects and the creditt of your Company And you shall likewise execute or cause to be executed all the good and lawfull ordinances in this booke of Ordinances expressed without sparing of any man for affeccon reward meed dread or promise of reward during the tyme you shall be in the same office of Mr & Wardens and of all maner of duties forfeitures fynes and of all and every such goods plate Jewells sumes of money or any other thing or things that by reason of your said offices shall come to any of your hands you shall according to the ordinances before specified make a good true and plaine accompt or els pay such fynes as ye be ordered to pay by the said ordinances for your not soe doeing Ye shall not for malice nor for love or affeccon assesse any person or persons in a greater or lesser summe then after the quantity

and qualitie of his offence according to your discretion & according to the ordinances of the said Company or fellowshipp of Cloathworkers So help you God.

76. You shall sweare that you and very one of you shall be true to our Soveraigne Lord the Kinges Matie and to his heires and successors Kings and Queenes of England And you and every one of you shall endeavour yo^r^selves the best you can as well for and concerning the giving and using of yor faithfull advises and councells unto the M^r^ and Wardens of the Company or fellowshipp of the Art or Mistery of Cloathworkers for the more better execucon of the said Offices and also to give and use yor faithfull aydes and assistances in every respect as much as in you lyeth for the due observation of all the good & lawfull ordinances menconed and expressed and according to the intent and true meaning of the same without molesting or impeaching of anie person or persons either for affeccon or malice or for or in respect of any reward meed dread or promise of reward during the tyme that you shall be Assistants touching the said Company or fellowshipp of Cloathworkers Soe help you God.

77. Item it further ordered that the Oathes hereafter menconed shall by the severall persons hereafter named be likewise taken as after doth follow and appear That is to say

78. You shall be true to o^r^ Sov^r^aigne Lord the Kinges Matie his heires and Successors Kings and Queenes of England Ye shall well and trulie observe mayntaine and keep to your power all the good lawes ordinancs Statutes and decrees already made or hereafter to be made for the Government of the Company or fellowshipp of the Art or Mistery of Cloathworkers for the better skill of the said Art or Mistery and for the Common profitt and comodity of the said Company or fellowshipp Ye shall be obedient from tyme to tyme and at all tymes in all lawfull matters to the Master Wardens and Assistants of ye said Company or fellowshipp And ye shall come att all tymes unto them or any of them upon a lawfull summons either of Clerke or Bedle or of anie others by them being lawfully enjoyned or commanded soe to doe having noe lawfull or reasonable excuse to the contrary or els you shall pay such penalties as you shall forfeit by your disobedience according to the lawfull ordinances of the said Company or fellowshipp All the lawfull councells of the said Company or fellowshipp of the said Art or Mistery as att any tyme of Assemblie that shall be in communicacon amongst the said Company or fellowshipp of the said Art or Mistery att yor Comon Hall you shall keep secrett and not disclose the same to any person being none of the said Company or fellowshipp and especially to any such person whome the said matter doth concerne and touch So help you God.

79. You shall be true to o^r^ Sov^r^aigne Lord the Kinges Matie and to his heires and successors Kinges and Queenes of England you shall be obedient to the Mr Wardens and Assistants of the said Company or fellowshipp of the said Art or Misterie of Cloathworkers for the tyme being and so from tyme to tyme in all their lawfull direccons and commaundements concerning the said Company You shall read all the Ordinances and make due and true entries when as the Master and Wardens shall command you without sparing any person for affeccon lucre or malice You shall not deliver the copies of anie Bookes concerning the said Company or fellowshipp of the said Art or Mistery nor any Articles whereby the said Company of the said Art or Mistery may take hurt neyther shew the same bookes to any maner of pson or persons without the consent commaundm^t^ and agreement of the said Master or Wardens or some of them for the tyme being and in each poynt so farre as you can execute your office Soe help you God.

80. You shall be true to our Soveraigne Lord the Kings Matie his heirs & successors Kings and Queenes of England you shall be obedient to the Mr Wardens and Assistants of the said Company or Fellowshipp of the said Art or Mistery of Cloathworkers for the time being and so from tyme to time you shall give your attendance upon them and use your diligence at all

times according to the trust that shall be committed unto you in any such affaires as you shall have to doe for or concerning the said Company or fellowshipp either in any message or any other busines that you shall be by them or anie of them appointed unto within this Citty of London and Suburbes of the same and especially in sumoning any of the said Companie or fellowshipp att such tyme as you shall be thereunto comaunded. So help you God.

81. You shall sweare that you shall be good and true to o^r^ Soveraigne Lord the Kinges Matie that now is and to his heires and successors Kinges & Queenes of England the Kinges peace to your powers you shall keep and to the Master and Wardens of the Company or fellowshipp of the Art or Mistery or Mistery of Cloathworkers ye shall be obedient and to their successors and y^t^ none of yor servants shall sett upp any house or shopp of the said Art or Misterie of Cloathworkers according to the Act of Parliament made in the fourteenth and fifteenth yeare of our late Soveraigne Lord King Henry the eighth And also ye shall not make any congregacon nor consent to anie misdoers against the Kings Ma^ts^ peace But that you give knowledge thereof to the Kings Ma^ts^ Officers for the tyme being Alsoe the lawfull councells of this house you shall well and trulie keep and that ye shall not mainteyne nor sett on worke any other mans servant untill that

ye know that that he be honestly departed from his Master upon payne to forfeit & pay the sume of forty shillings of lawfull English money Also you shall be obedient to all summons assigned by the Mr and Wardens for the time being in paine of forfeiture for the first offence twelve pence for the second two shillinges and for the next and every like after three shillings & foure pence of lawfull English money without lawfull excuse All these articles you shall well and truly keep to your power Soe help you God.

82. **Finally** it is ordeyned that all and every person and persons which now dwelleth and inhabiteth or wch hereafter shall dwell and inhabite wthin the Citty of London and the Suburbes or within three myles compas of the same as well Strangers denizens and forrayners as also freemen that doe occupie anie of the said Art or Mistery of Cloathworkers or any thing or things apperteyning to the same shall obey observe and keep all the ordinances and rules before menconed And that as well they as the worke made by them shall be under the search viewe and correccon of ye Master and Wardens of the said Art or Mistery of Cloathworkers aforesaid for ever as concerning the said Art or Mistery and every part thereof And what person or persons soever he or they be that shall offend in any of the said ordinances or articles shall forfeit for every tyme soe doeing as before is specified to the M War-

dens Assistants and Comunalty of the said Art or Misterie And payment shall be thereof made to the Master & Wardens of the said Company or fellowshipp of the said Art or Mistery of Cloathworkers for the time being to be ymployed by them with the assent of twelve of the said Assistants for the time being att the least to the uses before menconed.

All which ordinances constitutions and Oathes in maner and forme aforesaid at the request of the Master Wardens and Comunalty of freemen of the said Art or Mistery of Cloathworkers by vertue & authority of the said Act of Parliament made in the said nyneteenth yeare of King Henry the Seaventh Wee the said Lord Keeper and Cheif Justices of either Bench aforesaid have seene perused and examined and fully considered and for good and lawdable ordinances constitutions and Oathes we doe accept allow and admitt And by these presents as much as in us is or resteth doe ratifie confirme In witnes whereof to these p^r^sents we the said Lord Keeper and Cheif Justices have subscribed our names and sett our seales the eighteenth day of Aprill in the fifteenth yeare of the reigne of our Soveraigne Lord Charles by the Grace of God King of England Scotland France and Ireland defend^r^ of the faith, &c.

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